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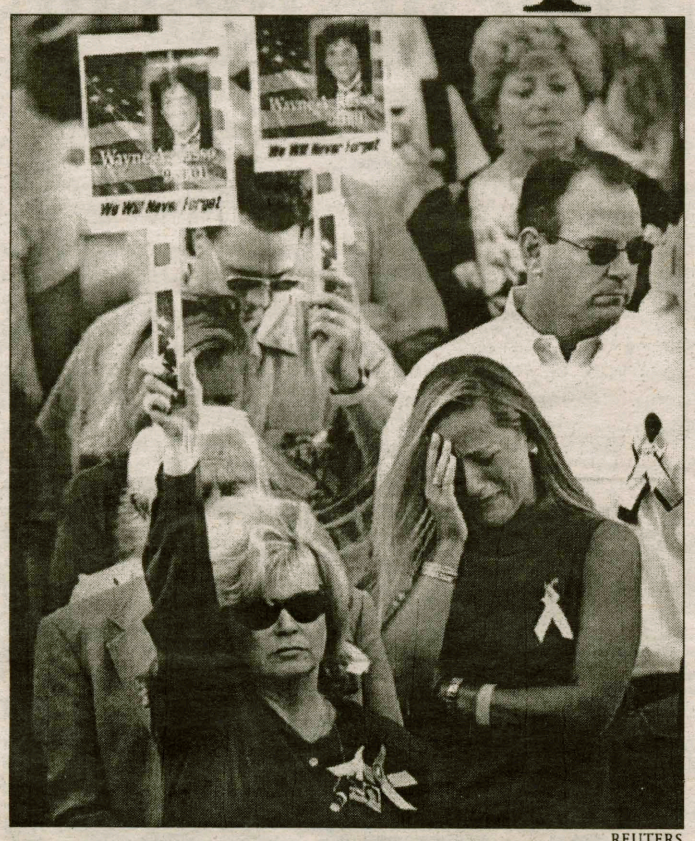

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Hamilton remembers 9/11

by Becky Ramsey '07
News Contributor

Two years ago, coordinated terrorist attacks struck the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The magnitude and abruptness of the events struck many Americans, even those who seemed far removed from the actual locations, with intense force.

Three Hamilton alumni were

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200 volunteers participate in Make A Difference Day

by Erin Weaver '05
News Writer

On Saturday, September 6th, a record number of Hamiltonians participated in Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition's (HAVOC) annual Make A Difference Day. Approximately 200 students participated, including members of the Gamma Xi and Kappa Sigma Alpha sororities, the Urban Service Experience pre-orientation groups from the past two years, the Community Church, the Christian Fellowship, the Residential Life staff, and five Adirondak Adventure Groups, in addition to sixty non-affiliated individuals.

College Chaplain Jeff McArn, who helped organize the day's program, commented that "The number of participants for Make A Difference Day in past years has never gone above seventy to eighty people. Saturday was a day that a lot of things came together beautifully."

According to Director Haley Reimbold, HAVOC's decision to change the usual date of Make A Difference Day accounted for the increase in student participation.

"I think that this [increase] can be partly attributed to our scheduling of the event on the first weekend back because students haven't had too much work to do and organizations haven't really started having too many activities yet. Also, we promoted this day to RAs, Orientation Leaders, Adirondack Adventure groups and first years before school started," Reimbold stated, adding that "We usually have this large-scale day of service on the National Make A Difference Day, traditionally held on the last Saturday in October. This day was started by USA Weekend Magazine to get people involved in meaningful service for a day in hopes of starting ongoing participation in volunteer work."

McArn added: "If a student participates with an agency or a project they enjoy, they are more likely to consider committing to volunteering on a regular basis if it happens in the beginning of the school year."

Groups of Hamilton students volunteered at a number of locations in Utica, Oriskany, Clinton and Rome, while one group of students remained on campus. After a brief orientation on Saturday morning, volunteers traveled to The Salvation Army; Emmaus House, a domestic violence shelter in Utica; the Boys and Girls Clubs; Home Ownership Center, an organization that helps low income families purchase homes; House of Good Shepherd, a center for homeless youth; Hope House, a public meal program; three sites devoted to United Cerebral Palsy; The American Red Cross; The Municipal Housing Authority; Rescue Mission, a homeless men's shelter and addiction treatment fa-

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Meet the Office of Residential Life's new Area Coordinators

Continuing The Spectator's coverage of new staff on the Hill, the following is a question and answer session with Hamilton's new Area Coordinators in the Office of Residential Life.

Compiled by Sarah Karalunas '04
Editor Emeritus

Two new faces joined the Residential Life staff this year to replace the two area coordinators who left at the end of the 2002-2003 academic school year. Amber Aeschbacker-Fanelli, the new area coordinator for the north side of campus, came most recently from a position as a Residential Coordinator at St. Lawrence University. Travis Hill, the new area coordinator for the south side of campus, recently finished his master's degree at Bowling Green University in Ohio, where he also worked as a Hall Director. In this article they share some of their history, residential life experiences, and impressions of life on the Hill.

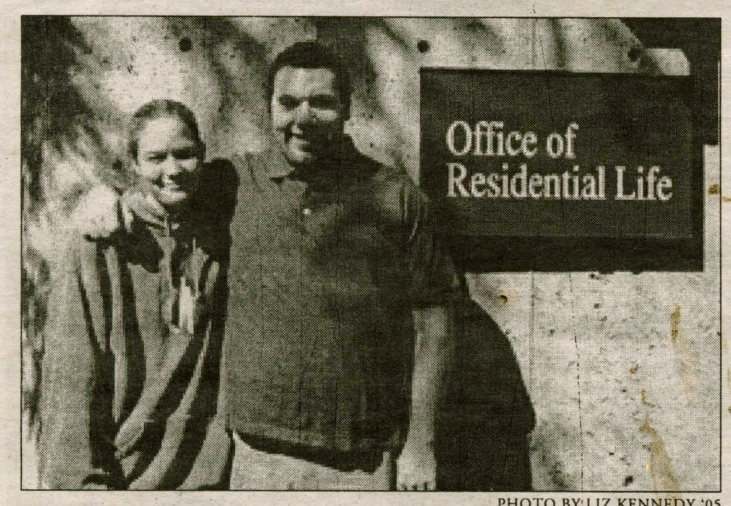

PHOTO BY LIZ KENNEDY '05

New Area Coordinators Amber Aeschbacker-Fanelli and Travis Hill have been hired to fill the vacancies left at the end of the 2002-2003 academic school year.

How did you decide to take the job of area coordinator at Hamilton?

AAF: Well, I'm from Manlius [a suburb of Syracuse] originally, and I was really looking to get out of St. Lawrence. It just wasn't a good fit for me. When I came to visit campus, I just fell in love with Hamilton.

TH: It was time for me to get a full-time job, and it was nice to get back to

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Kirkland Panel focuses on technology, science and democracy

by Kristy Hague '05
News Writer

This Wednesday, the Kirkland Project introduced this year's lecture series "Technology, Science, and Democracy: What's at Stake?" with a faculty panel. The cross-disciplinary faculty explored the ways in which science is both subtracting from and contributing to society.

After a brief introduction from Nancy Rabinowitz, the Director of the Kirkland Project, the three panelists gave ten minute talks about the relationship between technology, science, gender, society, and democracy. The panel included Stuart Hirshfield, Professor of Computer Science, Carl Rubino, Professor of Classics, and Bonnie Urciuoli, Professor of Anthropology.

Hirshfield's lecture, entitled "If Women Designed Computers..." focused on the need to incorporate more females in the field of computer science in order to garner another perspective on the technology. In addition, Hirshfield presented many of the misconceptions regarding the dearth of women in computer science and suggested some reasons for women's disinterest in the field.

Rubino's talk, "Who Owns Science," examined science as a masculine construct. Rubino argues that European and American men dominate the scientific field while women and minorities are pushed into the obscure periphery. In addition, Rubino explored some of the consequences of idealizing science.

Urciuoli's speech, "American Technologies of Self: Democracy and Self-Management," focused upon the ways in which American society has become inundated with the idea that the culture is mechanized.

"I want to explore some

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Shiva opens 2003 Kirkland Series with discussion of globalization and imperialism

by Katie Seno '07
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

On Sunday, September 7 Dr. Vandana Shiva visited Hamilton and presented a lecture titled "Alternatives to Globalization and War." The event was the first in the 2003 Kirkland Series, as well as being co-sponsored by the Biology Department, the Environmental Studies Department and the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

Originally trained as a physicist, Shiva started her mission as an environmentalist in 1982. In 1987, she turned specifically to fighting globalization for the environment and basic human rights. Just a year later, the "301 Clauses" were written into U.S. trade laws, in which the U.S. proclaimed its right to start a trade war against any country that refused to open its doors. Directly in the line of fire was India, her home country. She has been a passionate activist ever since.

Shiva's speech focused on biodiversity, conservation and the threat to the livelihood of farmers posed by the centralized systems of modern culture. She began by branding globalization as the modern form of imperialism, with large corporations at the helm. She explained that the crucial difference between current golobalization and past colonialism is that through unfair trade laws on seeds and water privatization, the free market has turned the fundamentals of life into a commodity.

She specifically accuses the World Trade Organization (WTO), World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of abusing their position in the global community by letting large corporations from developed countries, the overwhelming majority based in the United States, become wealthy at the expense of Third World farmers and citizens.

Shiva described her shock at an IMF conference she attended, that all negotiations were being conducted between bank officials and large corporations, not the representatives of the present nations themselves.

Despite simple common sense, hundreds of years of tradition, and even its scriptures, India was forced to submit to trade rules that deemed any storage of harvested seeds as "unfair" advantages in trade. This forced sale of any surplus led to widespread hunger across the country. Through pollination, natural crops became contaminated by genetically modified ones planted by large corporations, consequently worsening the hunger situation.

In fact, one such corporation, Cargill, when questioned about its methods, proclaimed contamination as "the ultimate control system" against competition with the locals. This was all made possible by legislation passed under Dan Quayle that deemed that there was no necessity to label genetically engineered seed apart from regular seed, on basis of its processing technology.

Dr. Shiva also described in detail a recent triumph over a Texas company's questionable use of patenting. The corporation in question, Rice Tech, pleaded ownership rights on all Basmati rice, claiming to have invented the aroma, size of grain, and cooking methods of that particular grain, which originates from Thailand, India, and Pakistan.

Another example of this patent system forces local Indian farmers to pay "rent" on naturally occurring low-gluten wheats in India because Monsanto, the world's dominant biotech company, claims ownership rights.

Adressing the issue of water, Shiva cited the example of Bolivia, where after water became privatized, its price skyrocketed by 300%. Not only did the prices rise, it also became illegal for the people to draw water out of their own wells, and collecting rainwater in buckets from their rooftops came to be considered "theft." According to Shiva, 99% of World Bank financed, IMF loans now have privatization of water as a condition.

"Rents are being collected on life, from life," she simplified, "Globalization is genocide in terms of the poor. It's war...You are either consumers or disposable people."

Shiva brought her speech to a close by pointing out that

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HAVOC Fair attracts a large number of students

by Alexis Castrovinci '06
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

The Fall Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition (HAVOC) Fair was held in the Events Barn this past Tuesday, September 9. It was conveniently held less than a week after this year's Make A Difference Day in the hopes that students would still be excited about service opportunities in the area.

"The HAVOC Fair is an opportunity for students to learn about different volunteer opportunities with local non-profit groups," said Haley Reimbold '06, the event's coordinator.

An estimated 115 Hamilton students attended the fair. "It seemed to go really well," said Haley.

Formed in 1988, HAVOC is a student-run organization that organizes community service projects in local areas. It is an umbrella organization that incorporates all of the volunteer opportunities on campus. The fair provides an opportunity for students to get involved in multiple areas of the community.

Over thirty groups from the college and the community set up tables with posters and representatives. Organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Hope House Soup Kitchen, AIDS Community Resources, Alterra/Trio Elderly Home, and the Mohawk Valley Council on Alcoholism and Aging attended the fair. Students who came to the Events Barn between 5 and 8 p.m. had the opportunity to visit each table and learn about the different projects.

"This is a great way for people to learn more about the organizations on campus; it is a good opportunity to get involved in the community in something you are interested in... whatever that may be," said Carrie Biggar '04, representative from JCTOD Youth Outreach in Utica.

"There are so many things here that I would love to do," said Allison Nichols '06, who attended the fair. "I just wish I had more time."

"It is so great to see so many dedicated people," added Julia Ho '06.

Planning for the fair started at the HAVOC retreat at the end of last year. Throughout the summer, Reimbold worked with the HAVOC Executive Board, including Kim Aber '04, Christina Bates '05, Michelle Fucci '04, and Caroline Steers '05 to complete the planning. Reimbold stayed on campus this summer to learn more about the different non-profit agencies in the area. HAVOC was joined by Communities That Care, a local research-based, non-profit group that unites most of the non-profit groups in Oneida County.

"This group has been of great assistance to HAVOC with both Make A Difference Day and the HAVOC Fair," said Reimbold, adding that "Through CTC, we are forming a network of college service groups in order to better serve the local community."

There is another HAVOC fair in planning for the beginning of Spring Semester.

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An estimated 115 students attended the HAVOC Fair.

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The HAVOC Fair provides students with the opportunity to join multiple volunteer organizations on campus.

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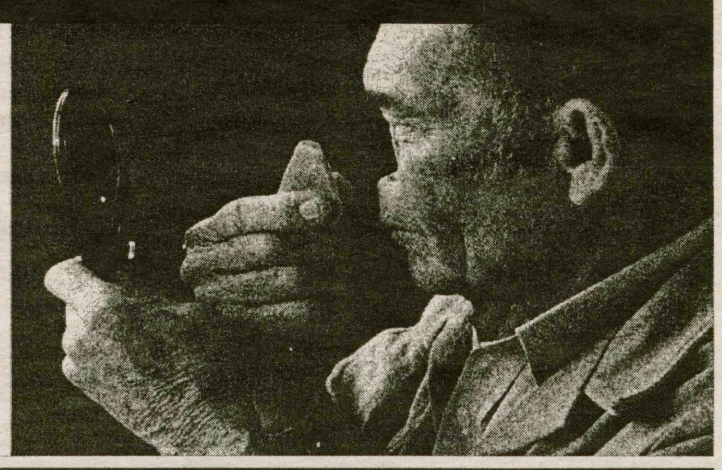

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Sept. 11 Serves as Permanent Footprint

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Two years to the day that UC-Berkeley alumnus Mark Bingham died on terrorist-hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, his mother continues to scrape open America's Sept. 11, 2001, scars.

She's angry, resistant of healing and instead of weeping, she's outspoken.

She ended her job as a flight attendant in July after becoming a vocal critic of airline safety. Now, she answers media calls full-time, fielding questions about topics from aviation safety to her son's death.

Her voice remains warm, sometimes even cheerful when she refers to "Mark Bingham." But when the conversation turns to "her son," Alice Hoglan's voice breaks as she tries to maintain her composure.

"I'm never going to be the same. I do not want to heal," Hoglan said in a telephone interview. "I want to go to my death tortured by the events of September 11."

Her son, who died at age 31, was a public relations executive, and now, Hoglan is determined to champion his memory.

Rituals of Grief : Remembering Sept. 11

(U-WIRE) MINNEAPOLIS — Sept. 11 is here again, with all the video playbacks and rehashing of memories and emotion that this second anniversary brings. The question "where were you when the Sept. 11 attacks happened" has been creeping back into getting-to-know-you chit-chat and, in at least some sense, most of us are looking around and wondering how much it means any more.

Politics aside, how do you "celebrate" Sept. 11? Do you light candles? Say prayers? Go to forums? Avoid downtown? Cry? Or do you go about your everyday activities with impunity, with no real need to do anything extra? Instead, you may just wonder how any of the ceremonies do good for the 3,000 dead.

The night of Sept. 11, I went to a candlelight vigil — my first. I'm not, nor was I two years ago, a religious person, so I found myself with no real conception of what I should be doing to vent some of my grief and horror. I remember being handed a flier for the vigil around midday, trying to figure out how to get on the bus down to Loring Park with my friend later on that evening.

On the ride there, I remember seeing gas station after gas station with blocks-long lines of frantic drivers waiting to gas up. When we got off the bus we ended up getting lost and didn't know where to go. Finally, we walked through the trees in the dark to the footbridge and the small group of eclectic mourners huddled there. I was given a tiny white candle pushed through a Dixie cup to hold and the wax melted down through the cup onto my hands.

I remember standing there, listening to the woman conducting the vigil talking about the spirits of the dead and the love we must pour out to them and their families and friends, all while I stupidly stared at the wax slowly spreading over and burning my fingers.

It occurred to me to wonder how much pain the people in the towers experienced, how much fear. And I was ashamed that all I had been thinking of, at a time when my thoughts were supposed to be bent on higher things, was that my hands were hurting. So I gritted my teeth, concentrated on feeling love, and didn't budge a finger.

For weeks after Sept. 11, there was wax covering the courtyard in front of Northrop Auditorium — in splotches from the huge candlelight vigil held there — and a sign remained in front of the Grace Lutheran Church by the superblock, proclaiming that their doors were open for meditation or prayer in remembrance of those lost.

There were so many large, organized ways to show our grief, shock and fear in those weeks that it was hard to keep up on what was available.

Many of us chose to go to those very public and large ceremonies and forums and felt we were doing something important and necessary. We felt obligated to go and show our emotions, to hold everyone else's hand.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Around World, Sept. 11 Is Remembered

LONDON (AP) — World leaders and relatives of victims joined others around the globe in paying tribute Thursday to the thousands of victims of the Sept. 11 attacks with services that included a tree-planting ceremony in Australia and the opening of a memorial garden in London.

Governments marked the second anniversary of the attacks by pledging to pursue the campaign against terrorism alongside the United States, with some suggesting similarities between the strikes on New York and Washington and acts of violence in their own countries.

In London, Princess Anne opened a garden of remembrance near the U.S. Embassy dedicated to the 67 British people killed at the World Trade Center. A twisted metal girder from the buildings is buried under the garden.

"It's particularly important to us because many families, my own included, had no remains returned to us," Jim Cudmore, who lost his 39-year-old son, Neil Cudmore, in the attacks, said of the garden.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder branded the attacks "cowardly" and warned that work remained to be done in the war against terrorism.

"This battle that we are fighting along with our American friends is not yet won - neither in Afghanistan nor anywhere else in the world," Schroeder said.

Bin Laden Tape Worries Officials

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan officials warned that the latest videotape of Osama bin Laden could rally his followers and trigger more terror attacks, and they urged Pakistan on Thursday to do more to track down the al-Qaida leader.

A Western official said bin Laden is active on the Afghan-Pakistan border but is running out of maneuvering room. Pakistan said it was doing all it can to find him.

"Time, space and options for the al-Qaida network and its important leaders is getting limited," Pakistan's Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayyat said.

On the eve of the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Arabic satellite channel Al-Jazeera aired video of bin Laden and his No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri - the first images of the al-Qaida leader in nearly two years. It also broadcast audio attributed to the two men.

Bin Laden was seen clambering over rocky mountain terrain with a rifle slung over his shoulder. Al-Jazeera said the tapes were produced in late April or early May.

The CIA has authenticated a section of the audio as the voice of al-Zawahri, but analysts are unsure about the voice purported to be bin Laden, a CIA official said Thursday in Washington.

Arafat Defiant Over Calls for Expulsion

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel issued an ominous threat Thursday to "remove" Yasser Arafat because he has failed to halt suicide bombings. Thousands of Palestinians rushed to Arafat's compound to protect their leader, fearing Israel wants to expel or even kill him.

A defiant Arafat, grinning broadly, emerged from his sandbagged West Bank office building shortly after the Israeli security Cabinet's announcement, flashing victory signs to his supporters. "The leader is Abu Ammar," the crowd chanted, referring to Arafat by his nom de guerre.

Using a bullhorn, the 74-year-old Palestinian leader recited a passage from the Quran, the Muslim holy book, about being steadfast in the face of an oppressor. He then led the crowd in a chant, waving his finger in rhythm: "To Jerusalem, to Jerusalem, to Jerusalem."

The ambiguous Israeli announcement came after a three-hour meeting of the 11-member security Cabinet - the most exhaustive discussion yet by Israel on Arafat's fate - and it appeared to be broadly hinting at an upcoming expulsion.

Israel put off immediate action to avoid a confrontation with the United States and give the incoming Palestinian prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, a last chance to clamp down on militants.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

America Reflects on 9-11, Two Years Later

NEW YORK (AP) — Two by two they stepped forward at ground zero Thursday, the sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, grandsons and granddaughters of the Sept. 11 victims, mournfully reciting the 2,792 names of the World Trade Center dead. "My mother and my hero," 13-year-old Brian Terzian said after reading the name of his mother, Stephanie McKenna. "We love you."

AP

For a second straight year, the nation paused on a bright September morning to recall the day when hijacked jetliners slammed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania, killing more than 3,000 people in the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

In New York, 200 children led the mourning, showing extraordinary poise as they read the enormous list of victims for 2 1/2 hours. Church bells tolled at the moment hijacked Flight 93 crashed near Shanksville, Pa. A moment of silence was observed at the Pentagon for the 184 victims there. And President Bush stood in silence on the White House lawn.

Inmate Charged in Murder of Ex-Priest

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — An inmate has been charged with murder in the slaying of former priest John J. Geoghan, who was strangled and beaten in his prison cell last month.

Joseph L. Druce attacked Geoghan on Aug. 23 after jamming his cell door to prevent guards from coming to the defrocked priest's rescue, authorities say.

Geoghan, 68, was serving a nine- to 10-year sentence for groping a 10-year-old boy and was accused of molesting nearly 150 boys over three decades. His case triggered the sex scandal that has rocked the nation's Roman Catholic Church.

Druce, 38, was serving a life sentence for the 1988 murder of a gay man. He unsuccessfully used an insanity defense during his 1989 trial in the killing of George Rollo, 51, who allegedly made a sexual advance toward Druce after picking him up hitchhiking.

Worcester District Attorney John J. Conte said Thursday that Druce would be arraigned on the new murder charge at a later date.

CDC Says Nearly 3,000 Ill With West Nile

ATLANTA (AP) — The number of West Nile infections this year is nearly double the amount from this time last year, but fewer people have died as a result, federal officials said Thursday.

So far this year, 2,923 people have been infected with the virus and 54 have died. Last year at this time, there were 1,641 human cases and 72 deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"We are still experiencing the upside of the epidemic curve," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC director.

Late August through September is considered the peak season for the virus, which is spread by mosquitoes.

This summer's heavy rain fall totals have also contributed to the increase in the mosquito population By the end of 2002, 4,156 people were infected and 284 died in the largest West Nile outbreak in the Western Hemisphere.

Gerberding said the higher number of infections this year may be the result of improved testing methods and earlier testing. She did not explain the lower death rate, but health officials have said this year's reported cases tend to be less severe, in part because people with milder symptoms are more likely to be tested.

Make A Difference Day a huge success

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cility; the Loretto Center, a community center that provides assisted living and medical care for senior citizens; JCTOD Outreach Center, a community center in Cornhill; and Kids Oneida, an assistance program for children with mental illnesses.

RA Adam Lalor '04, a Loretto Center volunteer, elaborated on the collective efforts of the RAs: "In the past, we have had our own volunteer days as part of our summer and January RA trainings. This is the first year that we have done our volunteering as part of Make a Difference day. RAs will sometimes use social/educational programming to do some type of volunteer activity with their advisees."

Another Loretto Center volunteer, Danielle Roper '06, remarked: "The people were so thrilled to see us that one lady introduced herself to me three times that day. The old people were really happy to see some young faces and they were generally cheerful."

Beth Scagnelli '04, an RA in Root, volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club headquarters: "We helped clean up Utica's two facilities for the Club's school-year opening in October. I think that Make a Difference Day was a great success — a HUGE number of students showed up and were willing to help."

Dunham RA Nakul Patel '05, experienced a similar positive experience: "I participated in the JCTOD activity. We broke up into groups and did various stuff there, for example, patching up a hole in the blacktop, gardening, painting, and computer work. It was a lot of fun."

Reimbold agreed, adding: "Our success can't be measured by just our numbers. I think that the spirit of the participants was extraordinary. It was great to see 200 Hamilton students awake and excited at 10:30 on a Saturday morning."

According to McArn, the goal of Make a Difference Day was definitely reached.

"The goal of MDD is to invite a significant part of our campus community to participate in a project which connects Hamiltonians to the surrounding community...to gain some appreciation for a human services agency and the work they do, and to experience giving of ourselves to help another," he stated, adding, "I'm very encouraged by the energy and compassion of Hamilton students choosing to give up a beautiful Saturday to make a difference in someone's life."

Though this year's Make a Difference Day was extraordinarily successful, Reimbold hopes HAVOC's new approach to volunteerism will continue to provoke student interest.

"We are now emphasizing service coupled with learning. We are adapting several of our volunteer opportunities to include discussions about systematic oppression, the connection between compassion and volunteerism, and several other issues that become more obvious after volunteering. When students actually see systematic oppression at work, they tend to feel a sense of obligation, as a more privileged person, to help out as much as they can. After this sense of obligation is felt, volunteers are more apt to help out in ways that exceed just meeting needs in the community. They will want to help empower the disadvantaged people that they serve."

Shiva is first speaker in Kirkland Series

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the WTO and large corporations used U.S. tax dollars to exploit developing countries to a point so extreme that they impede on common sense human rights. She went on, claiming that certain U.S. legislation has resulted in the murder of the poor as well as having profound effects our everyday lives.

Shiva aruged that as multi-media communication makes the world increasingly smaller, people are losing their basic freedom as satellite technology and recent anti-terrorist laws gradually infringe on our sense of privacy. Shiva referred to the "ownership right" on our own cells in reference to stem-cell research and bio-engineering, and even what we know in reference to the 1997 Intellectual Espionage Act that declares that applying knowledge gained in the U.S. outside of the U.S. is high criminal activity. She asked her audience to consider all of these things, and above all, our sense of responsibility as citizens living, as she puts it, "in the belly of the beast."

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Dr. Vandana Shiva spoke to students in the chapel about globalization and the plight of Indian farmers.

Res Life hires two new Area Coordinators

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New York and to be in a small school again. It's a lot easier to build community when you're not seeing new people every single day, like I was at Bowling Green.

How did you decide to work in Residential Life? What about this career area attracted you?

AAF: I like working with students, especially first-years. Going to college is such a huge change in their lives. They can finally have a chance to develop into what they want to be, instead of what their parents wanted them to be.

TH: I agree. Other than maybe the first four years of life, these four years tend to be the most dynamic in a person's life. Also, Residential Life provides the most well-rounded career opportunity for working with students. One day you're handling the judicial piece, the next you're counseling someone...there's a whole range of things that you get to do.

Describe your position. When might a student meet with you in an official capacity?

AAF: We check in with our staff members [RAs], have administrative meetings, talk with students about concerns that they have. Also, for first offence, minor violations students usually go to ResLife.

TH: If there are RA programs in your building or if there are consistent problems, then you'll see us in the halls. Students stop by when they have questions about a specific policy, and some just come by to see how we're doing. Most judicial matters go through ResLife...you have to be really persistent to end up in front of J-Board.

How have you enjoyed living on campus? [Note: The AC for the north side of campus lives in an apartment in Carnegie and the AC for the south side of campus lives in an apartment in Babbitt.]

AAF: Loud. The entire quad is pretty loud. This is my fourth year living in college housing not being a college student and the students here are generally respectful. At St. Lawrence people used to come knock on my windows and run away. That hasn't happened here.

TH: This is my sixth year in a residence hall, the fourth as a staff member. Babbitt is really nice. The apartment is fairly isolated, and students understand that, that is our home. I mean, if there's an emergency, then it's totally fine to knock on my door at 3:00 a.m., but you shouldn't stop by then just to tell me that your shelves are missing.

Do you have any ResLife pet peeves? Or, are there any rules that you're particularly strict about?

AAF: Students being dishonest really annoys me. After working in this job I can tell when someone's lying to me.

TH: Open containers drive me nuts. It's one thing to attempt to break policy in the privacy of your own room, but it's another to bring it out in public. I'm a smoker, and I also like to talk on my cell phone outside, so I see everyone walking around with open containers and it's frustrating. I wouldn't say I'm stricter with that than with other things, it's just especially annoying to me.

What are your favorite and least favorite parts of the job so far?

AAF: The staff is by far my favorite part, including Travis. He's been incredible to work with. And, the RAs have just blown me away with their energy and commitment.

My least favorite part is the judicials where the student doesn't understand where I'm coming from because we both walk away frustrated and not having accomplished anything.

TH: The same's true for me, as cheesy as that sounds. Jeff and Brad are great leaders. Nancy is a workhorse; she does a great job. Amber and I have a great time. It's difficult as an RA to juggle all your different roles: a student and also an authority figure, and they also do a great job.

My least favorite part is the paper work. It's a necessary evil that I understand, but it's still my least favorite part.

What types of things do you enjoy outside of work?

AAF: Well, I'm married. He's finishing course work for his PhD. I'm also an EMT, but I don't know if I'll get involved with that in Clinton or not.

TH: I also have a significant other, who's in Syracuse doing coursework. I'm also a huge music and movie fan, and I love concerts in particular. Amber, Brad, and I all went to the Counting Crows and John Mayor concert a few weeks ago. Also, I went to a Dave Matthews' Band concert for about the seventeenth time this summer.

What do you want students to know about you?

AAF: We're real people. We've been there not too long ago. We just want students to give us a chance.

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Editorial

THE SPECTATOR

"Older than the New York Times"

We are often told that college, and even life for that matter, is what we make of it. Such advice is often offered from those who have already lived through something, an experience that yielded good results. As Hamilton begins a new year, it seems as though such worthy advice has in fact been heeded. A proactive and positive mentality appears to have permeated the Hill.

Last Saturday, as part of HAVOC's annual "Make a Difference Day," hundreds of Hamilton students filtered into the City of Utica, taking part in community service projects as diverse as painting a house in Cornhill to throwing an ice cream social at a senior citizen center. More noteworthy than the individual impact that these students made was the unprecedented number of students partaking in the event. Last year, only 85 students spent the bulk of one Saturday giving something to the city just beyond our campus; this year was quite different.

Perhaps some of the credit belongs to the Class of 2007, whose participation and willingness to become involved was certainly noted. Or maybe the campus community just felt compelled to give. But assigning credit is no matter. What does matter is that we are doing something as a student body.

Becoming involved – not just in volunteering, but in all forms – is the key to not only a great personal college experience, but a positive and meaningful campus community as well. Student involvement in any of the wide variety of organizations on campus leads to social connections, a sense of purpose and, in the end, accomplishments on a much grander scale.

Beyond the obvious benefits associated with becoming involved on campus, resumé building and references, your participation in campus activities is truly a service to both yourself and Hamilton at large. If the first week has been any indication for the year ahead, Hamilton is headed in the right direction.

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Student Assembly Election Platforms

Student Assembly Elections for all first-year positions and two Class of 2005 Representative positions will take place on Wednesday, September 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Beinecke. Students should bring their Hamilton ID to vote.

Class of 2007

For Class of 2007 President

Hilary Gamble
Candidate for President
A leader represents the views of his or her fellow peers, and I wish to speak your voice. As a former class president and member of student council, I understand the role that I attempt fill. I hope to be a presence here on campus, to attend as many events as possible, and to meet as many people with whom I plan to discuss whatever issues may arise this year. My dedication to you will hopefully encourage you to vote for me as your class president. I plan to uphold the high standards of honesty, integrity, and compassion that Hamilton so righteously boasts.

Guillermo Artiles
Candidate for President
Howdy Class of 2007! Holla Back Class of 2007. ?Como esta clase de dos mil siete? Come ti va classe di duemilesete? Now wasn't that an intriguing introduction. It sounds so much better then "Hi there Class of 2007, my name is Guillermo "Willie" Artiles and I am hoping to be your class president..."-BORING! I thought about expressing my "better qualities in life," but I realized that's all a crock of shit and that each of my opponents will do so for me. It's about time you vote for the candidate most like you, the one who is at your level, the one who LOVES YOU (sorry boys). So if you know me, I'm sure you'll vote for me, if you don't, ask someone who does and I promise they'll encourage you to do so.

David Sands
Candidate for President
My name is David Sands; as a candidate for class president I have one primary objective, to involve you in positively affecting your experiences here at Hamilton College. I will take your suggestions to improve our campus, resources, and opportunities on the hill. I commit time to discussing and implementing all practical ideas. In addition to getting you involved, I will push for a more extensive Jitney service, later Diner hours, and more places throughout campus to study. Get interested Hamiltonians involved in Student Assembly. Elect someone assertive enough to oversee change. Vote for Sands! Enact your plans!

For Class of 2007 Secretary/Treasurer

Quang Nguyen
Candidate for Secretary/Treasurer
My name is Quang Nguyen, and I'm running for Secretary/ Treasurer of the class of 2007. If elected, I will take my responsibilities as our Secretary/ Treasurer very seriously. Before coming to Hamilton, I gained a significant amount of experience managing funds as the Captain and Treasurer of my high school's soccer team. As someone who hopes to eventually go into finance, I have a strong interest in doing the best job that I can. I promise to make our freshman year great, with lots of activities and exciting events. If nothing else, it's my pledge that if given your vote, I will give my full dedication to all the duties involved in being our class' Secretary/ Treasurer.

For Class of 2007 Representative (5 positions)

Carrie Boehm
Candidate for Class Representative
I'm running for Class Representative because I believe that everyone's voice should be heard. Hamilton is our home for the next four years, and I think that each and every student of our class should be involved in making the decisions that affect us. I hope to be someone who you can voice your opinions to; someone who actually cares about what you have to say and who wants to make a difference. I'm very accepting and open to new ideas, and always take time to listen to the whole story before making a decision. I am confident that if each student's voice is heard, we can be assured that the next four years will indeed be the best years of our lives.

David Waldman
Candidate for Class Representative
To begin, I'll always greet you with a smile. I'm running or the position of class representative with honest communication as my focus. Representingthe class of 2007's ideals, goals and best interest are my aims. To accomplish those goals I'll greet you with the desire to hear your thoughts on what I can do to better represent our class. My mind is open, my goals are simple and with that in mind, I hope you'll choose me to lead the class of 2007 this time as a representative and not an aerobic instructor (Richard Simmons)!

Sara Feuerstein
Candidate for Class Representative
Do I have student government experience? Yes, if by yes I mean no. However, I do have a bunch of great ideas and the enthusiasm that can benefit the class of 2007. I would do my best to make sure that there are open lines of communication between the administration, its policies and the students. It would be nice to have more lights around campus (so we can become acquainted with various ditches by other means than falling into them). I'd also like to save ESPN, which I feel is essential to college life. At Hamilton I'd like to be a representative and really get involved with what the school has to offer us. With the right leadership, we will have the best four years ever.

Zakiya A. Lasley
Candidate for Class Representative
As a representative for the class of 2007, I feel that it is my duty to first uphold the honor code and regulations of Hamilton college. Secondly, but also important to me, is the encouragement of a more diverse campus. How do I feel that will be accomplished? By voicing the opinions and desires of a more representative body. I feel that the goals of the council will be more readily accomplished. I am a dedicated, determined, and hard-working person, and I feel that the desire to see people have a joyful experience at Hamilton will serve as a guide for the decisions the council makes together as a whole. I know that I will give my all into being a representative for the class, and I hope that together we can bring a more unified community at Hamilton. Thank You.

Justin St. James
Candidate for Class Representative
Student government is guided by the principle that the representatives elected by the student body are to work toward the best interests of their constituency. My goal is to be elected a Class Representative and to then try the hardest I can to make sure our class has its views represented successfully by myself and the other representatives. The Class of 2007 needs representatives who will make a difference and help make the classes views respected and heard and I will make that happen. There is no other mo-

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Kirkland Series kicks off with faculty panel

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ways in which our everyday cultural actions as Americans are saturated with a sense that society is a kind of machine and with our actions in society as the actions of technicians," said Urciuoli.

After the panelists concluded their speeches, Vivyan Adair, Professor of Women's Studies, synthesized their arguments and led a question and answer session with the audience.

The panel was the formal introduction of the 2003-2004 Kirkland Project series. The Kirkland Project commits itself "to intellectual inquiry and social justice, focusing on issues of gender, race, class, sexuality and other facets of human diversity." The goal of this year's series, "Technology, Science, and Democracy: What's at Stake?" is to examine different perspectives on science and technology.

"We are fundamentally cocerned with how we are going to raise questions on campus and creating an audience and community around these issues," said Rabinowitz.

A faculty panel traditionally opens the Kirkland Project series. As Robin Vanderwall, Assistant to Rabinowitz, explains, "since our series brings guests to campus, we wanted to highlight the scholarship of Hamilton faculty about these themes."

PHOTO BY CHRIS FAZIO '06

Faculty members opened the Kirkland Seires with a panel discussion.

The panel considered different disciplinary perspectives on how science works for or against democracy. In addition to offering lectures, the Kirkland Project presents film series, workshops and Brown Bag Lunch discussions to encourage the entire campus to become involved in the discussion.

Upcoming series events include a lecture by Dirk Teresi entitled "Whose Science?" in which he will explore the origins of scientific thought. Rachel Maines will present a lecture entitled "Vibrators and Viagra: the Double Standard" in which she will explore the human orgasm. In addition to these highlights, Brown Bag Lunches will occur once a month, and films and workshops will be held on a regular basis.

Hamilton Community, Nation takes time to remember

*from **September 11**, page 1*

killed in the World Trade Center: Arthur J. Jones III, '86, Adam J. Lewis '87, and Sylvia San Pio Resta '95.

Students and faculty participating in the college-sponsored New York City program were also feared to be among the missing; however, all were located by the end of the day.

This year, as was the case last year, members of the Hamilton community planned several activities to commemorate the anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington D.C.

Continuing a tradition begun in 2002 after a request from Governor George Pataki, the Chapel bells were rung for a total of three minutes. The event was broadcast over the campus closed-circuit TV. During this time students were encouraged to observe silence in remembrance of the victims.

"Many people on campus found it to be very powerful [last year], so we decided to continue the observance again this year," said Executive Assistant to the President Meredith Harper Bonham.

A new event this year was the interfaith dinner sponsored by the chaplaincy.

"We're hoping that this will be an opportunity for anyone who is grieving for a loss incurred on that day, to have a place to go," said College Chaplain Jeff McCarn.

Organizers encouraged students from all faith perspectives to attend the meal and reflect on the effects the terrorist attacks have had on their lives.

"I do think 9/11 changed peoples lives, but for the most part the changes are deep within. Something about the fear of knowing we are vulnerable even at home to such a massive grief is part of it," McArn said.

The chaplaincy also understood that a large number of people may not have been interested in a religious observance, but they hoped the informal setting would strike the right note for students during this time.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi fraternities also marked the day with activities. The former held a charity drive for the second year in a row. Whereas funds from the previous drive went to the fire departments in Clinton and New York City, this year's was held for the Utica Chapter of the American Red Cross.

For their part, Alpha Delta Phi distributed peace ribbons along Martin's Way. In a statement, they asked students to, "Take the time to put on a sign of peace and mourn all of those that have been lost to such senseless acts."

In addition, several spontaneous vigils and remembrances took place across campus.

New York City native Cassie Magesis '07 lit candles outside of Kirkland Hall. She was in the city on Sept. 11, 2001 and remembers the day and its aftermath vividly.

"My neighborhood firehouse had nine die. I knew one because his son was in my group at camp," said Magesis. "There's now a hole in the skyline and a hole in countless lives, but it has brought us together and made us value things like we didn't before."

She also said that being away from the city creates a level of detachment that at times can be fine. However, on the anniversary the removal comes with a negative feeling.

"I want to be with the people who lived through it," Magesis said.

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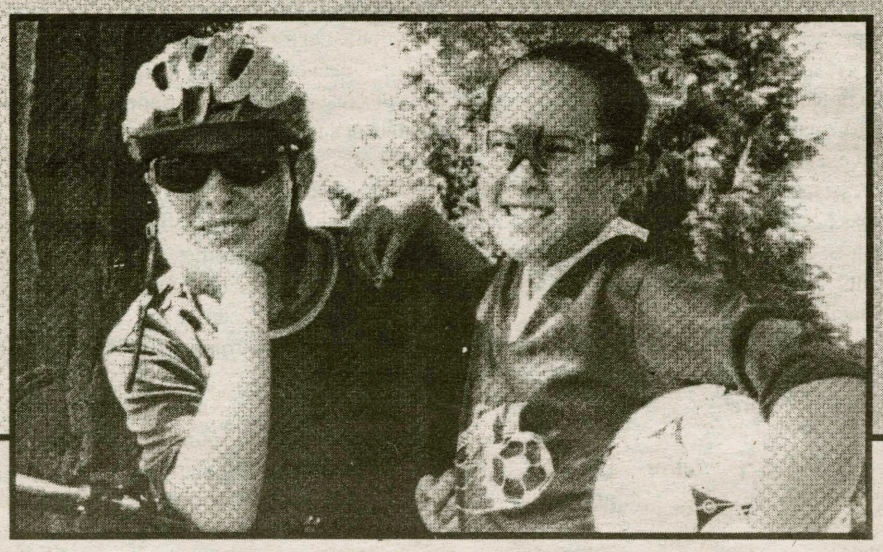

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Elections

Student Assembly Election Platforms

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tivation for my seeking of this position other than the success of our class and the building of the legacy of the Class of 2007.

For Class of 2007 Honor Court Representative

Michael Blasie
Candidate for Honor Court Representative
I believe that I am a qualified candidate for the position of a Hamilton Honor Court Representative on several bases. I served as the Vice President of my senior class where I dealt with the students and administration thus, familiarizing me with the origin of rules and their necessities, under what conditions they apply, and the strictness of their enforcement. On the path to becoming an Eagle Scout I learned and upheld such virtues as trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, kindness, obedience, and reverence. Thank you.

Kevin Coppola
Candidate for Honor Court Representative
As an Honor Court Representative at Hamilton College I would ensure that the moral and ethical rights granted to students by the honor code would be faithfully respected. More specifically, I would seek to protect and support the standards of academic honesty and integrity. While preserving the honor code standards, I would also seek to preserve student's rights in alleged violations of the honor code. However, when the honesty and integrity of the honor code are broken, I believe that a severe and intricate punishment should be levied.

Piatkovski Sergei
Candidate for Honor Court Representative
How many of you felt a bit uncomfortable with the honor pledge. And how many of you are still not completely sure what really an honor code violation is? Lots of people would be surprised as how many things now are considered "cheating" and may get you and your friends kicked out of this fine College. I have been a member of Student Faculty Review Board for a year and have faced many of the cases where my fellow classmates were unfairly charged by school. Thus, I have a big experience in dealing with such sort of situations and eager to help anyone who needs an advice or support.

Mike Mortimer
Candidate for Honor Court Representative
One of the things I love about Hamilton College is the mutual respect and trust the faculty and students share for each other. Hamilton's commitment to the Honor Code underscores this trust and allows our small hill-top college to consistently provide excellence in a liberal arts education. If elected, I pledge to uphold these esteemed values by respecting all parties involved and taking full responsibility for my stances within the court. I stand committed to remaining a trustworthy, fair, and reliable member of the Honor Court and will be accountable to each and every member of the Hamilton Community.

Class of 2005

For Class of 2005 Representative
There are two Class Representative positions open. The following students are seeking this office.

Eleni Venturas
Candidate for Class Representative
I want to be on Student Assembly to strengthen my resume. This will not surprise those who have noticed my hair color, which as changed from frivilous blond to a more politically appropriate brunette. How superficial of you! And that is what I have come to expect from Hamilton. I mean this in the most positive of ways, though. In fact, my candidacy relies on my ridiculous good looks. The same deductionists might detect yet another superficial characteristic; my accent. As an international student, I've a distinct advantage. I have a heightened respect for democratic processes, owing to the fact I didn't breathe the sweet air of freedom until stepping upon your soil. Lastly, and least importantly, I served as Assembly Secretary, and International Student's Association President, giving me the necessary experience and political agility to be your Representative.

Avery Schlicher
Candidate for Class Representative
As a member of Student Assembly, I, Avery Schlicher, would work hard to contribute positively to both the student government and the student body as a whole. Were I elected, I would try to make the Student Assembly an accessible organization to all students and make clear that everyone has the potential influence to change student life. I am completely committed to the perseverance and hard work that will be involved in the position, and I am not one to back down from a challenge. If a student wants to see strong representation, honesty, and determination in a member of Student Assembly, I will not disappoint.

Kristin Heath
Candidate for Class Representative
I have many reasons for deciding to run for representative of the class of 2005. In the past I have had several leadership positions. In High School this included team captain of two sports and Vice President of my class when I was a Freshman and Sophomore. I enjoy being not only a leader, but working with other people. I have strong organizational skills and cooperate well with my peers.

The Junior class made a large effort last year to get involved with the Clinton community. I admire that endeavor and saw the great success of Spring on the Hill. I would like to help with projects like these to see positive results and help each of them to run smoothly. Lastly, not only do I want to help strengthen the existing programs, but I also hope to add more.

Blake Keogh
Candidate for Class Representative

Nakul Patel
Candidate for Class Representative
Hello Class of 2005! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Nakul Patel. I am interested in the Class Representative position because I am excited by the opportunity to work with the existing Reps. and Student Assembly members. I work best in groups and I am confident that I would make a great addition to the team. I have a pretty diverse group of friends which I think makes me well suited to represent a wide array of student perspectives as one of the five Class Reps. I hope you'll strongly consider my candidacy, and thanks for your consideration!

Appeals Board Vacancy

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The liberal arts degree: a B.A. in B.S.?

by Deirdre Fenton '04
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

My days on the Hill are officially limited, and I am finally asking myself a question that many students at large schools have had figured out since their freshmen year: what next?

By choosing a liberal arts school, many of us avoided answering this question in high school. While many of our peers chose larger colleges with majors specifically geared towards career goals, Hamilton, like all other liberal arts colleges, has a curriculum that is designed to create a student with a broad background in all subjects. The liberal-arts student is a well-rounded, intelligent, all-American who can do everything well, but nothing perfectly: a jack of all trades, and a master of none.

I am the epitome of a liberal arts student. In 3 years, I have taken oceanography, Russian dance, religion, calculus, French, and sociology. I studied abroad in Greece for 4 months, I am active in community service, and I was a varsity athlete for 2 years. I have done everything asked of me here, yet as I embark on my job search and my quest for post-Hamilton happiness, I am slowly realizing that by taking classes in everything, I am qualified for nothing.

Suddenly, the best part of a liberal-arts education, the expansive background that supposedly enables you to pursue any career path, is now among the worst. It has mainly served to confuse me by creating so many options and possibilities that I don't know where to begin when attempting to choose a career.

Large university students have had this problem figured out since day one. While I will begin my job search by figuring out what field I want to work in, they are already filling out applications.

I have never questioned my decision to attend a small school. I have many friends at a variety of large schools, both state-funded and private universities, and neither of these environments can compare to the community, camaraderie, and friendships that develop at a small school. Small schools foster discussion, participation, and a sense of "belonging" that is not found at a university with 40,000 other students. But how do you explain that when you are in an interview, and your interviewer sits down and asks, "So, Hamilton? Where exactly is that?"

All of us wrestled with the pros and cons of coming to a small school and weighed them both before deciding to come to Hamilton. I have really enjoyed my time here, but now I cannot help but think that students at large schools may get the ultimate one-up after graduation.

So, is this the price of a liberal arts education? I have loved my time at Hamilton and I know that I will be sad to leave in May, but I am beginning to realize that answering the question "what are your career goals?" with a blank look of utter confusion is no longer an acceptable answer.

After 3 years of avoiding this question, it is now staring me in the face. Maybe it is just me who doesn't have it quite figured out, but I don't think that I am the only senior who is merely going through the motions in class, with the looming task of job-searching growing exponentially larger by the day.

I've taken the job placement tests, I've considered the LSATs and the GREs, but none of them seem to be what I wanted or have brought me any closer to figuring it all out. I tried the Career Center, but unfortunately, they can't help you unless you know what career it is that you want to pursue. I feel like I've exhausted all the options, and I still don't know what I want.

It's true that being at a large school would have put me on a career path 3 years ago and saved me the agony of deciding now what I want to do, but there is no guarantee that I would even want a job that I chose at the beginning of my freshmen year. How can an 18 year old make a rational decision about their future when they don't even know enough to navigate the campus?

I have begun to regard choosing a job as I did choosing a college: you look at a few and hope you like the one you pick, and if not, you can always switch after a year or two.

In the end, all seniors, regardless of the size of the school they attend, are waking up to realize that the four-year frat party is just about over, and it is almost time to start something that is going to be a little less fun and a lot more serious.

In any case, May is still 9 months away. I'll wait and see.

Debunking the myth of "instant college magic"

by Celine Geiger '04
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

It's that time of year again. Not the time to start classes, not the time to meet up with old friends after a summer apart, not even the time to put that newly shellacked beer pong table to use.

It's time for the freshman class to start complaining that college is not what it's cracked up to be. Sure, registration is a pain in the ass, and the myth that you will automatically become best friends with the first people you see is just that - a myth.

Yes, someone has a better dorm than you. Some one might even have a better roommate than you. Hell, someone probably even has all the classes you wanted to take, the Patagonia fleece you've been coveting for two years, a brand new BMW (and here you thought freshmen aren't allowed to have cars), and has maybe even hooked up with the person you already claimed to be yours over a midnight pancake breakfast in Commons during "dry week."

Suck it up.

There's a whole world out there on this hill that you can't even imagine yet. In the next year, you'll order pizza at 8 PM and have it show up at midnight, you'll hear someone covering a Dave Matthews song on guitar, you'll eat a whole carton of Chunky Monkey in one night, you'll wait outside Sangertown forever for the Jitney, and you'll undoubtedly trek down to Bundy dining hall in subzero weather at least once for a chance to get your hands on a Dixie cup of half warm beer/half foam.

You'll begin to understand that Clinton, New York knows two seasons: bad weather (which perseveres from September until May) and nice weather (typically starting towards the end of spring semester finals and lasting until about the time Freshman Orientation begins). You'll stay up until 2 AM writing that English 150 paper, studying for that Intro. Psych test, or even having a heart-to-heart with your roommate. At least one piece of your clothing will be stolen or lost in the laundry.

You'll go home in October to your high school friends, who at once will seem so comforting and yet so foreign. You'll flash them your facebook, your Hamilton Nalgene bottle, and that roll of film from your precious first few weeks.

The more time you spend on the Hill, the more times you go home and return for breaks and summer vacations, the more times you leave and come back

*see **College magic**, page 10*

Thumbs Up Thumbs Down Who Cares?

- Campus-wide remembrance of 9/11 making us all proud to be Americans.

- Men's Soccer: Bringing Glory to Love Field.

- The new ramp outside North: making it that much easier to roll a keg into sub-free housing.

- The triumphant revival of Tuesday Boozeday.

- The new Astroturf in Keehn: the only grass not being smoked in there.

- Found: A sense of humor.

- CAB's Foam Party: more disease potential than Medieval Europe.

- Commons at noon having a tougher door policy than the Village Tavern on a Saturday Night.

- The Diner dick guy training a new regime of angry diner workers.

- The death of the 888 key and the subsequent propped doors making stealing that much easier.

- The flies in Commons (Fun Fact: Everytime a fly lands, it craps itself.)

Deirdre Fenton '04, Avery Schlicher '05, Matt Amoroso '05, Nakul Patel '05, Peyton Gray '05

- Dance Team Tryouts: more spandex than a Jersey strip mall.

- The smoking policy: the only rule disregarded more than Dry Week.

- RA's...Rent-A-friends equipped with dental dams.

- Roma's shallow promises for round-the-clock service.

- Freshmen loitering on the Bridge on Saturday nights: Cool until they realize all the easy senior girls are downtown.

- Res. Life's fire drills... a fickle attempt to impart priceless fire safety knowledge on unsuspecting freshmen.

It's just a little crush

by Blake Erb '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

The psyche of the Hamilton College community is a complex and dangerous entity with which to contend. However, I take it as my duty as an Insights and Ideas writer to be insightful of the general psychological health of the Hamilton College student body and to cover and expose topics that a normal, sane individual would avoid. Thus, you have been warned.

All of us have gone through the immaturity and terror that prevail throughout middle school and high school. These years are a period of extreme change, especially hormonal change. Males run around with testosterone bursting in their veins, desperately looking for a female, any female, hopefully their teacher (or was that just me?), on whom to unleash their newfound primal urges.

Females of a similar age are getting much bigger than the boys and are beginning to exert the control over the opposite sex that they will retain for the rest of their lives. I remember this one HUGE girl who used to always kick me in the... never mind, moving on. The one common phenomenon that everyone has experienced during this stage of life is "the crush." Everyone has had crushes, and those who haven't will eventually.

I had a huge crush on the student teacher from Colgate who taught me in sixth grade. She was a fricking angel. I seriously thought that if I could impress her enough, she would leave her big, tall, handsome basketball-playing boyfriend and run off with me forever. Even then, my ego was so huge and bloated that I swore it talked to me and directed my actions. This is what crushes do to people: they make someone completely irrational and crazy. Hmmm, I'm still hearing that voice...

However, there is another type of crush that is almost never discussed and is very rarely admitted to. This is the "friend crush." I can almost hear the sharp intake of breath of all my readers, as I have surely struck a rarely played chord. The "friend crush" is what happens when you meet a very interesting and fun person and get to know them a little bit, but don't know them well enough to be "friends." You are friendly with each other, but you are in that weird limbo between stranger and friend.

Dealing with a "friend crush" is a very challenging and confusing endeavor. You do not want to force yourself on the "crushee," as you may drive them off. Remember, they already have a close group of friends; you have to take things slow. No one wants to deal with "that guy" who is always hanging around and refuses to leave.

I have a revolutionary idea for how to handle a "friend crush." Just as one would ask a normal crush out for dinner and a movie, one should ask their "friend crush" over to watch the football game and eat some wings. Of course, instead of dressing up, one would dress down so that one would meet the appropriate level of casualness and coolness. You may even want to flip that collar down; there's no need to intimidate anyone.

During the evening, make sure to maintain the appropriate distance friends must assume between each other. You know when you go to the movies, and you see two guy friends come in together and sit down with one seat in between them? This is a good rule of thumb to use. Leave the cushion in the middle of the couch open or sit in a different chair. Also, remember to use flirtatious, "friend" terms throughout the night such as "buddy," "pal," "dawg" and "homeslice." These terms will let your crush know that you think he/she is cool, and you like hanging out with him/her.

Finally, when the game is over and the wings are finished, make sure that you execute the parting effectively. Don't formally shake hands, give a hug or slap their butt (this does not apply to football players). In order to keep touching and closeness to a minimum (which is necessary in a guy friendship) slap hands with your crush. If they go up high, you have done it! If they go low, it's time to accept defeat and go all "Hamilton Cool" over your former crush.

Since I have surely brought many of you to tears as you remember past "friend crushes" and wistfully think about current crushes, I shall end with these wise words: pursue these "crushes," as that person may be your future best man, your daughter's godmother, your life-saver, business partner, etc. As Edward Everett Hale said, "The making of friends, who are real friends, is the best token we have of a man's success in life."

Jitney Confessions

by Avery Schlicher '05
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

Let's set things straight: despite all the angry emails the Jitney sends out demanding kowtowing to authority, we Jitney drivers are fully entertained by the debauchery that is the vanload of belligerent Hamilton students heading up and down the hill each weekend night. Stories of said antics are swapped amongst a privileged minority (the non-blacked out occupants of the Jitney driver seat) the next day and merriment is enjoyed by all. Ah, sobriety.

However, we find it unfair to keep such joys to ourselves. For those uber-pie-eyed folks who miss out on the amusement of being aware while riding, we present "Jitney Confessions", a not-so-subtle spin-off of the ever-popular "Taxicab Confessions" on HBO. Here, we give in-depth, anonymous, and fully entertaining reports of those folks lucky enough to be aboard and unaware on those fateful nights.

More likely than not, many of you have made drunken fools of yourselves on the late-night Jitney. I'm not gonna lie, I've been known in the past to proudly drop a nickel (a SINGLE NICKEL) into the driver's tip cup for bringing me to my dorm. Granted, I gave him a quasi-apology the next day and let him keep the monetary unit (enjoy the gumball), but good Lord... This is one of my lesser showings, so let's keep it that way, as long as we're in print.

"I'm not 21, I was designated driver that night." LIAR, I saw you fall out onto your face... and I laughed.

As for the past weekend, there was sadly no excitement of that caliber, but we'll rack 'em up and knock 'em down anyway. When drunk, one is able to shrink into a minute size and fit into any open crevasse in a vehicle. It's a little-known fact. Therefore, open seats are not a necessity required for admission to the jitney, nor is entering through the side door. Each weekend, the trunk door suddenly becomes the white light at the end of the tunnel for all downtown escapees. Cascading in with angry cries and thrusting elbows at surrounding jaws, riders are only subdued once they have secured a claim on that tiny open corner above the right rear wheel hub. This would mean certain paraplegia and possible death to anyone sober, but the content riders are just happy to be moving to a more promising place... and isn't that all that matters?

As usual, there are those who manage to raise their voices above the "favorite song" blaring on the radio (generally Mya or something equally timeless) and make some quotable proclamation. For future reference, "I love all of you!" is much too obvious. Get creative, fellow Hamiltonians, we don't go here for nothing. Luckily, this weekend, there were a couple riders who managed to raise the bar for all of us. One young lass wanted nothing more than to get back to her room for cheese. Over and over again, "All I want is to get home and eat cheese!" Phenomenal, hope that went well. As the driver noted, "Hope she cools it with the drinking if she's preg." Amen, but have a great night!

Another strapping fellow raved about the sushi bar. Who wouldn't - it's this year's Beanie Baby! The Jitney is logically the perfect place for dining hall propaganda, so Bon Appetit take note. Resounding cries of, "I love going to Club Hamilton! I don't like caviar, but I just love the f*@#ing fact that we have it in the dining hall!" filled the van. Club Hamilton! Brilliant! Now we can enjoy sushi AND this great new club.

Three cheers and another round of drinks to that. Keep up the good work.

California vs. Hamilton

by Tucker Hutchinson '07
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

Every Hamilton student who has had the good fortune to make it into one of Professor Raybeck's compelling courses (and even those that haven't) knows what he means when he says that we all have to "surmount barriers erected by [our] cultural baggage."

This comment applies to all of us these first few weeks. Even returning students are coming back to an environment different than the one they left last spring. The perpetual cycle of convocation and graduation ensures an ever-changing Hamilton.

Every student walks onto the Hamilton campus with many preconceived notions. Some of us are better predictors of our futures than others, but we all make attempts; attempts at knowing how our new community is going to act and predicting the role that we are going to play in that community.

The level of a student's preparation for what to expect here at Hamilton often seems to vary in proportion with the distance they traveled to get here. I certainly don't know what it's like coming here from another continent, but I'm certain that it is an amazing and daunting transition. However, I do know what it's like coming from California.

The land of "perpetual sun, surfing, and sun-bleached blondes" sometimes seems like a whole other world. California isn't nearly as different from the East as a foreign country, but the fact remains that although it is still part of the United States, it is quite different indeed. This reality gives California some interesting distinctions.

California is young (and full of people trying to look even younger) and it doesn't have a fraction of the history that the East Coast does. The majority of its buildings, citizens, and perceptions haven't been around for too long.

Hollywood productions always portray the young star or starlet headed off to New York for their "big break." It's true that this story isn't always just found in the movies, but realistically, the majority of New Yorkers didn't move there to pursue some fantastic dream.

California, on the other hand, seems to be brimming with individuals and families doing just that: living out their dream. This may not be as true for the younger generation, but a huge proportion of today's West Coast parents moved to California from some other state.

This influx of people and ideas (both of which can be very unusual if they came to California in the 60s or 70s) has built a state unlike any other in the union. California is a state where tolerance is both required and expected among those who live amidst such diversity.

At the same time, California has (or had... a question there isn't time to delve into) one of the largest economies in the world. This proves that indeed, ex-hippies can actually enter the workforce - going from tie-dye to ties in three decades.

Amazingly enough, there are a lot of similarities between Hamilton and California. Not only is there a disproportionate amount of wealth here, but Hamilton is also a place full of dreamers, of tolerance, and of experimentation.

Whatever the preconceived notions we have brought with us here, all of us have at least a year to make an attempt at doing something new, or to become hella* good at something we already do. And as long as no Austrian body builders try and replace our new College president, I think it'll be an amazing year.

*Translation: "Wicked Nasty"

Where's the love for Resident Advisors?

by Bill Chenevert '05
NEWS EDITOR

This article is a long time coming. I have been an RA since the beginning of my sophomore year. Now, as a junior, I feel that the anti-RA and anti-Res. Life sentiment on campus is stronger than ever.

As an RA who enjoys this position for the part of the job that includes getting to know people you wouldn't normally spend time around, and then becoming their friend and someone that they feel comfortable coming to with anything that's on their mind, I feel the need to address the rampant and ignorant hatred of Resident Advisers.

To begin, the majority of people who hold a fervent anti-RA stance are those who get caught for being really stupid. Let me remind you that if you were caught stumbling through an apartment building, underage, with a full beer can, kicking random things in the hall and generally damaging public property, you would be ticketed, if not arrested, and then be forced to deal with the Village of Clinton's judicial system.

Students who get caught by their RA doing these same things have the balls to think that it's the RA's fault that they now have to 'fess up to their actions and accept the consequences.

Furthermore, if an RA gets you in trouble for such an action, they are most likely trying to manage their hall's damage bill. While RAs do not pay a damage bill for their floor, they will always be looking out for the rest of their advisees. If attributing hundreds of dollars of damage to one person helps even out the cumulative damage bill at the end of the year, an RA will not hesitate to report your actions to the appropriate sources. I think most people would agree that this is an appropriate response.

Let's brainstorm some of the things that students do and get in trouble for, sometimes by their RA, but usually by Campus Safety, that are never their fault: stinking up a hallway with pot smoke and getting something confiscated (obviously, the last person to come into the room who didn't towel the door is to blame), having a thirty person party in your quad with blasting music and four cases that gets busted up (some substance-free tool must have called in a noise complaint to Campus Safety), getting sent to the hospital because you were incoherent and puking your brains out on your common room floor (I wasn't THAT drunk and whoever called the EMTs is to blame for my stomach being pumped), and that third time you were written up for carrying around an open bottle of Jack Daniels (Why does Campus Safety have to ruin my buzz? We're in a bubble up here on the Hill, that 21-year-old stuff doesn't apply to Hamilton students.).

So there's that part of the job - however, it may not be writing people up, but rather reporting what we saw Campus Safety do that we tell our bosses about. Similarly, how much do you think RAs enjoy walking into a bathroom to find someone passed out in a puke-covered stall? They are then obligated to do something about this poor drunk, be it calling Campus Safety or the EMTs.

There are many things an RA would rather do than baby-sit a sick drunk, maintain order on their floor so that when Campus Safety walks through they don't look like a fool, or listen to their advisees whine about how strongly they dislike their roommate.

Every year the Counseling Center puts together a survey that polls random students from different class years regarding drug and alcohol abuse. This year, the Counseling Center focused their efforts on comparing Hamilton's alcohol use to that of other schools. The results were staggering - Hamilton's drinking habits are definitely not healthy.

Therefore, Residential Life and Campus Safety are trying to make some changes, including more documentation of alcohol policy violations. RAs are expected to help bring about these changes, but, in general, this is why the student body has already seen a relative increase in Campus Safety's presence in the Residence Halls.

Now, people will say, "You get a free room! You have no right to complain!" or "You get good parking, shut up!" Neither of these arguments is accurate. RAs who do not show need for their room to be paid for by Residential Life do not get a free room. Also, RAs cannot park in Dunham or ELS lots like they could last year. So occasionally RAs get preferential parking, but when they do it is rightfully so; there are times when RAs might be expected to drive to the hospital or pick up Bon Appetit food if they're having a social program catered.

Lastly, while being put up in a spacious single can be very nice; it can also be a miserable experience. For instance, last year in Kirkland, I had visitors once in a blue moon. Luckily, I made good friends with all my advisees, but if I hadn't, I would have spent many nights alone in my room. This year is no different. While I love being in Saunders in a great room, I'm still far away from every single one of my friends. Like I said, one of the great things about being an RA is that, soon enough, I'll feel comfortable with everyone in Saunders, but I'm still consistently going out to my friends' rooms when I want to be social.

There are pros and cons to every situation. Being an RA can be fun, rewarding, and worthwhile, however, it can also be demanding, frustrating, and overwhelming. RAs are held to different standards in a lot of ways: standards of conduct, academics, and time management. Basically, cut us some slack and stop blaming all your disciplinary concerns on your RA.

The "magic" isn't what you'd expect

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from study abroad, you'll begin to fall a little bit in love with this place. You'll go to the football games even though the last time the team won, Dubya was dodging the draft. You'll eat a meal with a professor, turn an office "hour" into two or three hours of discussing your love for Dante or deoxyribonucleotides, and maybe even start a club or a Greek society.

You'll be on a first name basis with Chad and Jack, your weekends will go from starting on Friday night, to Thursday night, to straight up 24/7, and you'll grow to understand all the jokes in Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down. But, best of all, you'll form your own "clique" full of interesting, creative, intelligent, trustworthy, caring friends (and maybe a boozebag or two), and create those clichéd relationships that last a lifetime. Just pick up a copy of The Alumni Review and check out how many alumni stay in contact, stay friends, marry each other (80% apparently), even have lovechildren together.

Class of 2007, you have so many experiences awaiting you at the 'Tech. All the stuff from those idyllic photographs and tours and college guidebooks is right in front of you if you give Hamilton a chance. And, if the magic ain't there, you can always transfer and start again somewhere else next fall.

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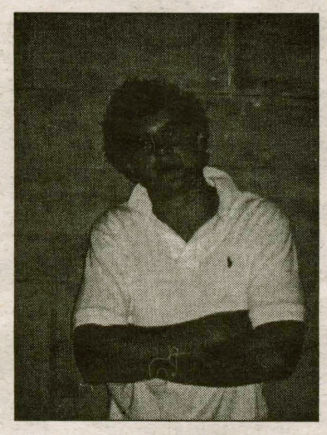

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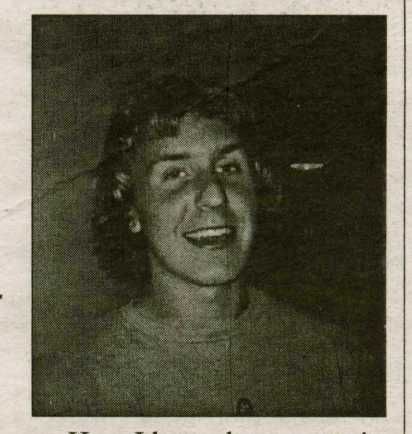

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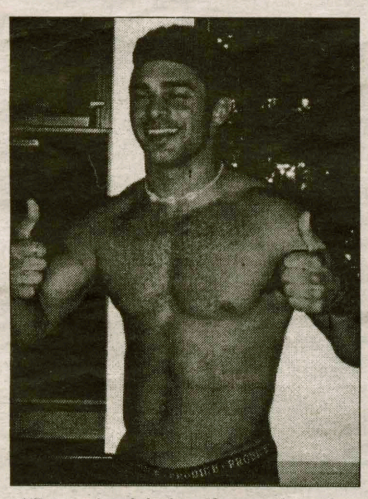

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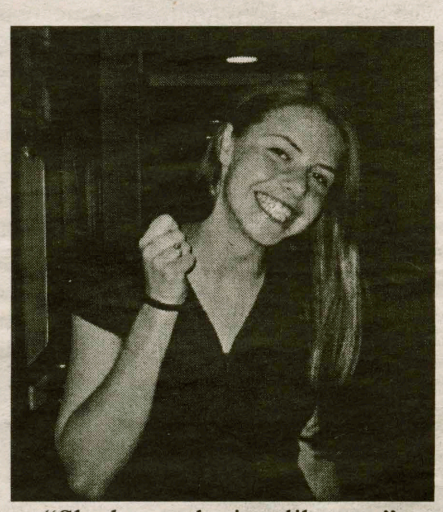

"She has style, just like me."
-Katie Jones '07

Pictures and Inspiration by Dan Bleeker '06

Spectator exclusive: Smoking bad for you

by R. Andre Chapman '07
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS WRITER

I have a little dilemma here. I believe that smoking is wrong. I also believe that it is oppressive to non-smokers. I have the extreme belief that smoking should just be deemed illegal. I'm not asking for a drastic change, I'm just asking for each state, one by one, to outlaw smoking. Is that too much to ask? Oh yeah, and I'd like it done by the weekend so I can rest.

For my fellow non-smokers out there: don't you just hate it when you're out walking on a beautiful day, and all of a sudden you find yourself behind someone on a narrow path and that somebody is smoking? All that soot is coating your beautiful healthy lungs and you can't get out of the way in time to get a fresh whiff of air; you get that whiff of smoke, and it's just terrible.

I wish that I could begin to understand why some people think that smoking is all right. Some people might say that they don't think that smoking is all right, but they still smoke, and I say that is a pity. I think that it is a disservice to yourself if you can't stop doing something when you already know it's wrong.

Oh, but it's the nicotine, they say. Well, I say nicotine schmicotine. Man is the most powerful being on this earth and if he wants to stop doing something, then he sure as hell can stop doing it.

I know that he may not want to break this oh-so-tempting habit, but man must think of what is better for him and his children. When I say children, I mean that both literally and metaphorically; his actual descendants and his metaphorical ones.

You see, there's this vice that people have, they like to follow in people's footsteps, and sometimes those footsteps lead people down the wrong path. This path is narrow and short. When I say narrow, I mean smoking limits what one can do. Some smokers are no longer as athletic as they were before they started smoking. Some smokers even have a hard time getting up the stairs without taking a break. What I mean when I say short... well, I think you know what I mean.

There are more than 1,200 deaths from smoking related diseases every day in America. (statistic taken from thetruth.com) I think that this very statistic is a valid reason for not smoking. After reading this article, you must vow to yourself that if you are a smoker, you will try to stop smoking this year at least twice.

If that is not enough, then I guess you can very well be one of those 1,200 who die every day in America. If you are a non-smoker, after reading this article you must vow to help at least two people to quit smoking, and if you don't, then enjoy that whiff of smoke in that narrow path.

Having a party next Thursday night? You too could be featured in *Hamilton Unscripted*! Email Dan at dbleeker for details (and a good time).

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Science in Brief

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Will the asteroid 2003 QQ47 hit Earth in 2014? According to the more than fifty observations made since the asteroid was spotted in New Mexico, the likelihood of an impact is one in 909,000, ranking a lowone on the Torino scale. Spotted August 24, the asteroid has been moving at a speed of 72,000 miles per hour and is 1/10 the size of the rock that is thought to have wiped out the dinosaurs some 65 million years ago.

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What car has a 175 hp engine, costs £150,000 ($237,350), took seven years to develop, and can travel on water? The Aquada Sports Amphibian, launched mid last week, is able to retract its wheels in ten seconds, propelling its occupants over water at speeds of 30 mph, five times faster than any previous amphibious vehicle. In a public demonstration at London's Docklands, Alan Gibbs, the founder of Gibbs Technology, explained that the car was meant as both a sports car and sports boat, requiring owners to insure it for both use on land and sea.

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Iceland, the eco-friendly European nation with a population of just over 275,000, is attempting a widespread experiment in hydrogen-powered vehicles. With Shell opening its first hydrogen-fuel pump last April, it is estimated that simply converting 45 gas stations to this alternative fuel, over 13,500 vehicles could be served. However, with experimental vehicles costing about $1 million a piece, it will take years before any nation switches over to this pollutant free fuel.

RIAA Offering to Wipe the Slate Clean for Music Downloaders

Universal Music Group cuts price of CD's by 30%

by Aram Kudurshian '06
Science Editor

In what has been a bizarre two weeks for the music world, the Record Industry Association of America (RIAA) announced this past Monday an amnesty program in the hopes of curbing piracy. According to plans first reported by *Billboard Bulletin*, music swappers would be required to delete any unlawfully obtained music, submit a copy of photo identification, and agree not to illegally download any more music. In exchange, the RIAA would agree not to press charges against anyone currently not involved in a copyright law suit.

However, according to a new legal complaint filed in California this past Wednesday, questions still remain on the protection this amnesty would give.

Ira Rothken, the lawyer for the individual who filed the claim, was quoted on *Wired* as saying, "when you read between the headlines, the legal documents do not provide any real amnesty from lawsuits and do not provide any real clean slate," leaving the possibilty for other industries to sue.

Reactions from consumers and music professionals vary, with the response split for both sides. While research funded by the RIAA reveals that 52% of music consumers are supportive of the industry's legal action, most music-sharing individuals dismiss the idea as futile. Damon Eckard, an independent musician who took part in *Wired's* survey summed up the general reaction, "they want end users to come out with their files in the air? No thanks. I'm not afraid of them."

Wendy Seltzer, staff attoney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (http://www.eff.org), an organization that offers legal aid to those targeted by the RIAA hypthosized that "for the 60 million Americans who are using file-trading services right now, even if they get scared away briefly, I don't think it will be long before they find a less-traceable way of exchanging music."

In addition to the recent amnesty program, the RIAA also announced 216 copyright-infringement lawsuits against file-sharers. While many of the suits have already been settled for sums as low as $3000, the most notable lawsuit was filed against Brianna LaHara, a 12 year old honor student living in a low-income city housing project on New York's Upper West Side.

While the RIAA contests that they knew no details about those targeted with the law suits, they did agree to settle the case for $2000, ending a potential public relations nightmare. According to LaHara's family, they believed that by paying the $29.99 license fee for KaZaa, they would be entitled to download as much music as they wished.

More information on the amnesty program can be found on Music United's web site at www.musicunited.org.

In similar news, Universal Music Group, the world's largest music label, has announced a 30% price cut in all of their CDs, dropping the wholesale price of a CD from just over $12 to around $9.

Universal expects stores to lower prices from as high as $18.98 to just shy under $13, in hopes of rejuvenating the slumped music industry. Universal will also be reallocating tens of millions of dollars of in-store promotions into print and television ads, in hopes of driving more consumers into music stores.

Citing music piracy as their main reason for the price drop, the music industry is far from giving up hopes of selling music online for less. With the success of the Macintosh-only iTunes Music Store, which has sold more than 10 million songs since its introduction this past April, other companies such as Sony and AOL are expected to announce competing stores in the upcoming months. Whatever the case, this can only help the music industry grow and reduce the price for consumers.

In a positive response to the price cut, Josh Bernoff, an analyst at Forrester Research quoted in *The New York Times*, showed his support when he said, "music is not supposed to be an elitist product, we're not talking about Lexus here. It's better to have more people buying music at a lower price than to have it priced out of the market."

They Weren't All Happy Days

by James Robbins '05
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This past Sunday, science made a major splash in the international waters of Big-City-learning, *The New York Times Magazine*. In "The Futile Pursuit of Happiness," John Gertner introduced his blind readership to four academics who have researched the decision-making-process that guides our sense of well-being. The results of their research have practical application in economics, psychology, and everyday affairs.

First, let us meet our cast of characters. Weighing in as the most successful in his research is Daniel Gilbert, a Harvard psychologist who introduced the "impact-bias" concept. To your right, we have Gilbert's wingman, and major bachelor, University of Virginia psychologist Tim Wilson. Next, representing Economics, from Carnegie-Mellon, George Loewenstein.

Their body of research has made this paragraph possible. These researchers believe that most of our actions are the result of our predictions of the emotional consequences of events. But the involved parties have found that we are not proficient at improving our well-being, because, as Daniel Gilbert has found, we tend to "overestimate the intensity and duration of our emotional reactions to future events." Basically, events, both positive and negative, have less of an effect than one tends to think. This is a result of adaptation, which refers to our ability to acclimate to changing circumstances.

Our brains use happiness as motivation to act in a certain way. But, to the brain, happiness is not the goal. The brain seeks to regulate us. Therefore, we may find enjoyment in something for a period of time, but, as with all things, we will become accustomed to the enjoyment. The researchers pointed to this brain activity to prove that we will adapt to almost everything. Though we understand this function of the brain, the researchers have found that in our predictions we do not account for our adaptation.

To have a richer understanding of this argument, it is necessary to take a look at the behind-the-scenes, dirty dancing that brought us to this point.

Starting with Daniel Gilbert, and his collaborator Tim Wilson, we find the "impact bias." This phrase, coined by Gilbert, refers to the difference between our prediction and the actual experience. The discovery of the "impact bias" presented the possibility of mistakes in expectation, which have the potential to lead to mistakes in choosing. And deeper in Gilbert's bag of tricks we find his work on " The Peculiar Longevity of Things Not So Bad," a paper that examines our expectation for big problems to affect our happiness more adversely than minor annoyances. The work of Gilbert and Wilson creates a link between prediction, decision making and well-being; and is the furthest reaching among works of their contemporaries.

Loewenstein's most commended contribution to affective forecasting is the "empathy gap." The "empathy gap" refers to the difference in our behavior between "hot" and "cold" states. The "cold" state refers to rational calm, while the "hot" state refers to excited states of behavior including anxiety and fear. Like the impact bias, the empathy gap affects happiness, but in a less direct way. In Loewenstein's words, "if our decision making is influenced by these transient emotional and psychological states, then we know we're not making decisions with an eye toward future consequences."

One can assume the long, sun-bleached road to these conclusions was marked by broken beakers, and more broken beakers. But not one shard rests in vain, as the accomplished work of these researches persists through practical applications. Daniel Kahneman, a Princeton psychologist, believes that this research could inform opinions in retirement planning, consumer spending, and health care.

Research of this nature has the potential to engage a wide audience, as its assumptions prove relevant in a wide range of fields. But for now, the researchers return to their exclusive labs and designer lab coats, calming their nerves to the placid hum of the incandescent bulbs.

IMF to Rock Hamilton Indie Style

Blake Erb '05 previews the bands that are headed for the Hill next week

The boys of the Independent Music Fund (IMF) plan to start the year off with a bang when they bring Indie rockers *Cursive* up on the Hill, along with *The Blood Brothers* and *On The Might of Princes*. This show, which is absolutely free for students, will be held on Wednesday, September 17 in the Annex of the Beinecke Student Activities Village. The in-your-face display of musical genius that will arrive on campus next week, should prove to please a number of musical tastes.

Cursive, hailing from Omaha, Nebraska has been rocking out indie style since 1995. Their most recent album, *The Ugly Organ*, reached number one on the charts for Hamilton College's radio station, WHCL-FM 88.7, during the spring semester last year. The album has been described by *Cursive*'s record label as, "Wild dissonant organ playing, tearing and beautiful cello lines, thundering rhythms, and disjointed guitar lines align together in a symbiotic relationship between the instruments. The result is some of the loudest yet smoothest, most melodic moments we have yet to hear from the band" (www.saddlecreek.com). *Cursive* is known for their insightful lyrics, tight rhythm section, and their accessibility to a variety of musical tastes. For a sample of *Cursive*'s music, one can preview music at www.cursivearmy.com.

Touring with *Cursive* is a band that will utterly amaze its listeners and be more than ready to take on an American college crowd after a summer tour in Europe. *The Blood Brothers* bring a hyperactive, schizophrenic brand of screamo hardcore, go nuts and kick your neighbor in the head craziness to the stage. Many concert goers may not even see the band perform as they will be flipping out like ninjas when the band begins to play. *The Blood Brothers* is not a band for the faint of heart, weak of mind, or vulnerable of ears. To see what the band is all about, go to their website at www.thebloodbrothers.com

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Come see *Cursive* play here - because if you try to download it the government will be on your doorstep the following morning.

Rounding out the bill are the "post-hardcore" sensations, *On the Might of Princes*. Competing with the many great bands that have come from the Long Island area, *On the Might of Princes* has separated themselves from the rest of the pack by providing, according to truepunk.com, "amazing rock music driven by such elements of post-hardcore and punk awesomeness" (www.truepunk.com). Any fan familiar with the music scene surrounding Washington D.C. or post-hardcore music will be enthralled with the purity and energy of *On the Might of Princes*' music. As truepunk.com so aptly says, "*On The Might Of Princes* play damn good songs, with originality and with the will not to be pigeon-holed in the "post-hardcore" mediocrity " (www.truepunk.com).

This awesome collection of bands will be performing in the Annex on Wednesday, Sept 17th. This performance will be free for all students. If one does not have the time or interest in viewing all three bands, one should arrive around 8pm to see *On the Might of Princes*, 9pm for *The Blood Brothers* and 10pm for *Cursive*, the concert's headline act. This show promises to totally rock out the Annex. Any questions or comments about the show can be sent to the devilishly handsome boys of the Independent Music Fundat imf@hamilton.edu.

Live from Ireland: It's Badass Movie Reviews!
PULP FICTION

Tim Mudie '05, abroad in the Emerald Isle, brings you a golden pot 'o' badassity

I bet you thought you had a year away from me, didn't you? I'll bet you were thinking, "That column must be over. How many times can one man say 'badass' before it just gets old?" And the dozen or so of you who realize that I'm abroad this semester were probably thinking, "There's no way Tim will keep writing while he's in Ireland; he'll be in a Guinness haze the whole time." Well I have news for you doubters: no Guinness can stop the Badass. Joyce was a big old Irish drunk and he wrote *Ulysses*; Hemingway's writing area was often covered with empty liquor bottles and he wrote *The Sun Also Rises*. I think I can handle Badass Movie Reviews. And so, without further ado, I present to you the first installment of Badass: Season Two. And this time... it's personal.

I thought it was only fitting for the first column of the year to bring back those two kings of badass, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson. Now I was hesitant at first because my confidence in Willis was badly shaken by a movie preview I saw earlier this year: *Rugrats Go Wild*. It featured Willis as the voice of "Spike the Dog." Oh man, when I heard him taunt a cartoon lion with "Sniff my butt" I wasn't sure whether to laugh or cry. But then I watched this movie and he redeemed himself. Yet, Willis is only one of the many wicked badass dudes who populate the interlocking stories of *Pulp Fiction*.

Nothing sets the stage for badass like a great opening and *Pulp Fiction* undeniably has that. Anyone familiar with the *Fun Lovin' Criminals*' song "Scooby Snacks" knows the awesome lines with which a restaurant robbery begins and the opening credits begin to roll. I'd love to let everyone know the lines, but I'd have to delete so many expletives you really wouldn't get the same effect. Sorry. I do have a reputation to keep up.

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What could possibly be glowing in Marcellus Wallaces's briefcase? Why total badassness of course. What else could it be?

From there we see the story of Vincent Vega (John Travolta) and Jules Winnfield (Samuel L. Jackson), two hitmen who are sent to kill some dudes and retrieve a mysterious package that has something in it that glows golden (my guess is that it's gold... and I'm a highly trained professional). The movie jumps around in time, which makes it nonlinear, which automatically makes it deep. I'm serious; any movie that pulls off a nonlinear plot will win an Academy Award for Best Screenplay. I offer the following as evidence: *The Usual Suspects*, *Memento* and, of course, Quentin Tarantino netted one for *Pulp Fiction* (Editor's note: Sorry Tim, *Memento* won no such award). But don't get me wrong, this movie, in addition to being monumentally badass, is also really good. It is well written; the dialogue alone is enough to qualify this for the Academy Award for Best Badass Screenplay. Where else can you see someone say in a perfectly straight delivery "Aw man, I just shot Marvin in the face!" Titanic ain't got nothing on this.

But that's not all. While the main characters are Jackson and Travolta, it's the smaller parts that really make a movie badass. *Pulp Fiction* has got those smaller parts and has fleshed them out into full-on badassity. You want examples? Well, there's Harvey Keitel as The Wolf, a man who takes care of problems. Problems like what to do with a car containing a guy who's been shot in the face (the aforementioned Marvin). And in this case, even littler things make Keitel truly badass. I mean, when he gets a call at eight in the morning he's at some hotel party wear-

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Movie News: *Matchstick Men* and *Lost in Translation*

Brian Sweeney '06 brings you the latest news from the land of film

This week will see the opening of Ridley Scott's *Matchstick Men.* While the plot of this film may seem a bit, well, contrived, Scott is an interesting filmmaker and Nicholas Cage's last film, *Adaptation*, was, well, interesting to say the least. The story centers on two con artists (Cage and Sam Rockwell) who are on the verge of making themselves a large sum of money until Cage's daughter shows up on the scene and...hilarity ensues! I know it seems like a "been there, done that" scenario, but the word of mouth is fairly positive on this one (though the epilogue is much less well received, so you may want to leave the theater before the finale). If nothing else, it is nice to see a movie made by competent filmmakers, released in the month of September, which is usually a pretty dead month for good mainstream films.

This is most likely due to the Oscars moving up a month from March to February, thus forcing studios to release their films earlier to be considered for Oscars (all films eligible for nomination have to be screened by voters no later then November). So what you will see is the release of more films that would have normally been released at the very end of December. Now I'm not sure *Matchstick Men* is going to get anywhere with the Academy, but the early release leads me to believe that the producers think they have a shot. Whether that's the case or not, you should take advantage of the early release of a promising movie and give it a shot this weekend.

Another film opening this week is Sofia Coppola's *Lost in Translation.* I'm not sure when the film will reach the sunny fields of Clinton, New York, but today is the release date of the movie. I would expect the release to expand in a few weeks. The film stars Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson(*Ghost World* and *The Man Who Wasn't There*). It centers on the meeting of their two characters, one a mainstream Hollywood actor(Murray) in Japan to make a quick buck by filming a whiskey commercial and the other a newly-wed(Johansson) who has recently arrived in the country. Murray's Bob is moving into his mid-life crisis years and Johansson's Charlotte is beginning to feel somewhat pessimistic about her future - obviously the two will meet and things will change, etc.

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Look at this man. You cannot resist him. His ears. His eyes. That sexy receding hairline. Do not try to resist - see his movie.

You all may remember Coppola as the sore thumb that stuck out in *The Godfather: Part III.* Apparently, and for good reason, that experience has helped her realize that she doesn't have much acting ability and led her instead to pursue her father's calling - directing. Her film debut, *The Virgin Suicides,* was accepted with open arms by much of the film community, and it seems that with *Lost In Translation* she will come fully into her own. She both wrote and directed the film, and it has supposedly turned out to be a very good one. Bill Murray is worth seeing in the worst of movies, so it is no surprise that people are calling this one of the, if not the, finest performances of his career. Hopefully this makes its way over to theaters around us because I'm sure it's will be worth checking out.

In 1998 DreamWorks released their insect film, *Antz*, and Pixar released their insect epic, *A Bug's Life.* In 2001 DreamWorks released their monster movie, *Shrek*, and Pixar released their monster movie, *Monsters Inc.* Now in 2004 prepare to receive another double dosage of thematic material as Oliver Stone (*JFK, Nixon, Natural Born Killers*) releases his *Alexander* and then a few months later (possibly in 2005) Baz Luhrmann (*Moulin Rouge!*) releases his *Alexander the Great.* Both films tell the story of the Macedonian conqueror. Who needs two movies about the same person so close together? Who knows, but both are in the hands of pretty original filmmakers, and it should be interesting to see what they come up with. Stone's film is going to begin production soon, with a cast that includes Colin Farrell as Alexander, Anthony Hopkins as Ptolemy, and Angelina Jolie as Olympias (Alexander's mum). In the Luhrmann production, Alexander will be played, assuredly with great power and strength...ahem...*cough*, by Leonardo DiCaprio and Olympias will be played by Nicole Kidman. Roman Polanski and Ronald Harwood's last film, *The Pianist,*

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Favorites Column: Our So Called Lives

Megan Semerod '06 talks about why you should watch the nineties coming of age show

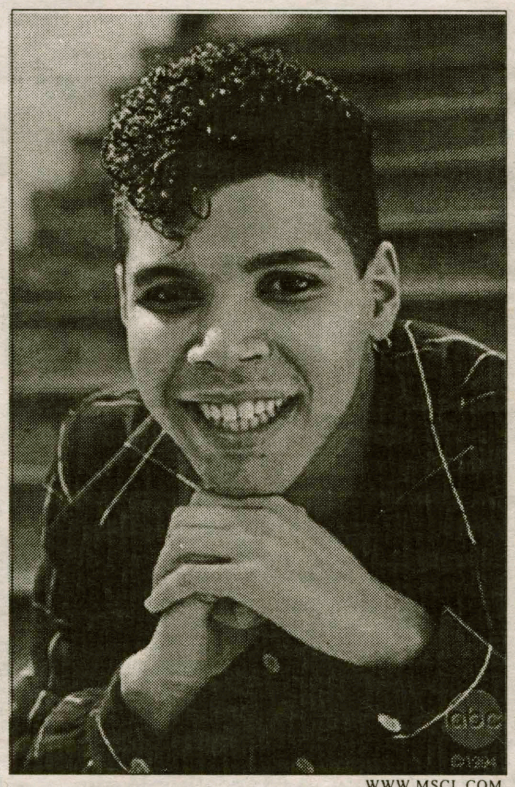
Can you like remember back to the like early 90s? Like 1994 to be exact? Can you like remember what you wore? Was it a flannel dress and leggings, or like a flannel shirt and a thermal? Can you like remember what you watched? Was it *My-So-Called Life*? Or perhaps your parents declared *MSCL* too mature for you when it aired on ABC and you caught it on reruns on MTV or the FOX Family Channel. Maybe you didn't watch it at all- just lived it.

My-So-Called Life is a high school teen drama that allowed the viewer to see the world through the 15 year-old eyes of Angela Chase, played by Claire Danes. Danes won a Golden Globe for her portrayal of Angela as a reformed good girl who was swept up in the adventures of teenage angst, fueled by her never-ending love for Jordan Catalano. She was someone that we all either knew or secretly were.

Following the basic plot of most teenage dramas, Angela experiences conflict in all of her worlds-home, school, and social life. Angela's "so-called life" was the interaction of these three worlds. At home she has to deal with suspicions that her father was cheating on her mother; her overbearing mother lecturing her about her hair, her grades, and her friends; and a typically trying little sister, Danielle, who is always starved for attention.

At school she experiences the trauma of failing geometry, daydreaming in biology, and quitting yearbook. She's seen the passion of the boiler room, memorizes every perfect characteristic of her crush as he perfected the "locker lean", and finds solace in the girl's bathroom with her best friend Rickie.

Her social life is another story. She abandons her best friend since childhood, Sharon, in an attempt to find herself and to gain some adventure in her life. Her next-door neighbor, who claims the title of being both brilliant and a nerd, both stalks her and many times saves her. She finds adventure in Rayanne, the typical bad girl, and Rickie, her bisexual best guy friend, and offers her boring family support as these friends deal with alcoholism, homelessness and abuse. Yet nothing equals the deep and unrequited crush on Jordan Catalano, the rebel without a cause. She does everything we've done or contemplated doing in high school- lying to her parents to get into an over 21 club on a school night, acquiring a fake id, doing his homework, and, eventually, succeeding in landing that unrequited love.



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Straight eyes for the queer guy. Rickie: a reason why parents put their kids to bed early.

Like most 15 year olds, Angela over-analyzes EVERYTHING. As she puts it, she finds herself to be way too introspective. Like most teenagers, however, she has those clear-cut moments where she realizes that she wouldn't change anything about herself. She loves who she is and where she's at, and she doesn't want to know what the future will bring. "People always say you should be yourself, like yourself is this definite thing, like a toaster, or something. Like you can know what it is, even. But every so often, I'll have like a moment, where being myself, and my life right where I am is, like, enough." Enough said, Angela.

There is a relief that comes from putting some distance between your present self and your high school self. It could simply be the relief that it is over, or the relief that come from knowing that despite of distance, you have maintained those friendships. Maybe deep down, however, there is a startling realization that Angela forces us to see that it was necessary and ultimately worth it. Whether you were Angela, Rayanne, Brian, Rickie, or even Danielle, it was life. *MSCL* offers viewers a glimpse of both regret and remembrance in a way that Our Town never could. When the forecast predicts a blizzard, go look for the box set and enjoy the episodes. (You're in there.)

Want to write about one of your favorites (books, movies, television shows, plays, songs, etc.)? E-mail bsweeney, bgreensp, or pkhanna today!

BADASS: SEASON TWO

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ing a tuxedo.(Editor's note: Sorry Tim, The Wolf was at a funeral - but that is still badass). Rarely do non-badass people do this. In fact, rumor has it that Keitel is so badass in *Pulp Fiction* that when Duran Duran saw the movie they considered re-recording their classic song with the new name *Badass Like the Wolf*. Hey, I'm just telling you what I heard.

Keitel is just one of many badass grandmasters. Ving Rhames, a man who couldn't be unbadass if he tried, gives a brilliant performance as Marsellus Wallace, Jackson and Travolta's boss. Rounding out the badass is the great Christopher Walken. His monologue to a young Bruce Willis is absolutely incredible, hilarious, and badass all at once.

I've said before that women are underrepresented in the badass genre. Tarantino, however, takes this to a new level. With the exception of Mia Wallace (Uma Thurman), all the female characters appear to have mentally and emotionally stagnated at about seven years old. Willis's girlfriend and Yolanda "Honey Bunny", the restaurant thief, are prime examples. When confronted with problems Yolanda cracks and eventually ends up announcing, near tears, while there is a gun pointed at her lover, that she needs to pee. I don't care how scared you are. This is a badass movie damn it! Pull yourself together and just shoot someone. You can't see me, but I'm shaking my head right now.

Pulp Fiction is more than just a badass movie. I mean, this flick was nominated for Best Picture. They don't just throw those nominations around to any producer who happens to be passing by on the street. There's nuance and other deep crap like that in this movie. Of course, there's also nuanced badass, like the scene where Willis is looking for a weapon to save Rhames with and goes from a baseball bat to a chainsaw to a samurai sword. It's things like this that make a good badass movie a great badass movie. But really, it all boils down to one thing: Jackson's wallet says "Bad Mother F***er" on it. Of course, it's actually written on his wallet, but there's that decency thing again. So check out *Pulp Fiction* sometime when you want a movie that is both badass and truly Oscar quality. Now, back to the Guinness haze. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next week: *The Truth about Cats and Dogs*.

More Movie News: *Indy 4*, *Alexander* and *Oliver Twist*

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was a big hit. The two will team up again to adapt Charles Dickens' novel, *Oliver Twist,* for the big screen. They plan on filming the movie next summer in Europe with an all-British cast. Harwood will adapt the screenplay. The release date is a mystery, however, since Polanski likes to film his movies before acquiring a studio distributor. (Please note that I refrained from the very obvious joke I could have made concerning the fact that Polanski is making a film that will put him in direct contact with a great deal of child actors).

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Indiana Jones will be older in the fourth movie - but will the women? Yeah right.

And the last bit of news I have for you this week concerns the fourth *Indiana Jones* movie, which will be released in the summer of 2005. This week, producer Frank Marshall had some heartening things to say to *Empire Online* about the production of the latest Indy movie: "We're not done with the script on Indy 4 but I think we're going to try and rely, like the first two movies, on realism and not try to do too many things with the computer...When you start getting into computers you get fantastical situations like in the *Matrix* or movies like that. We don't want that, we want exciting heroism, we want seat-of-your-pants, skin-of-your-teeth action. We didn't have all the money in the world on the first films and we want to keep that B-Movie feel. We want to make *Indy 4* like we made the first three." To me that is very good news because it shows an understanding of what made the original movies so special - an understanding that George Lucas (who also is producing this Indy movie, as he did the other three) didn't seem to have when he returned to his *Star Wars* saga. Spielberg seemed to reiterate what Marshall had to say recently by indicating that there will be digital stunts in some scenes for safety reasons and digital effects only for the most spectacular of shots. Frankly, I think someone had to tie Lucas down and make him say "uncle" before he would allow them to forgo using digital effects in every single scene, but I have no proof of this.

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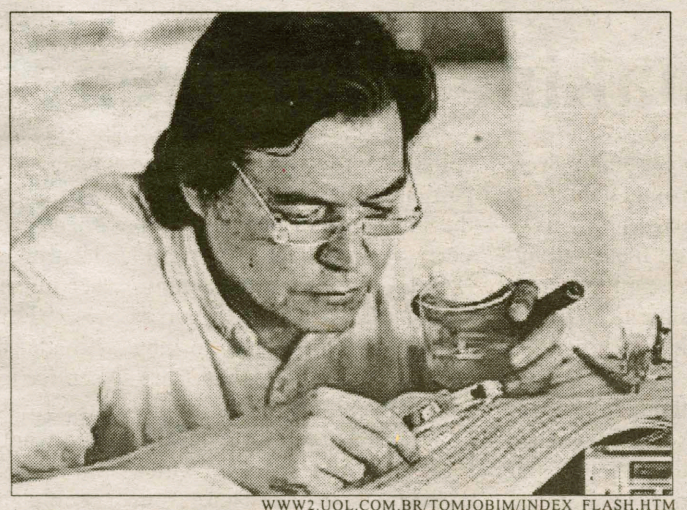
Antonio Carlos Jobim - God?

Stuart Lu'07 is here to introduce you to the man known as *Jobim*

Love, sorrow, paradise, heart- what more is life? Open up your soul! All the words of emotion melted together could never justly describe the music of Antonio Carlos Jobim. Those of you who are enlightened know what I'm talking about. Those who haven't yet had the great experience need not worry. But Jobim, as much as he is internationally appreciated, is growing less and less popular by the year. Even the Hamilton radio station, which plays anything from German folk music to 60's punk rock doesn't air Jobim.

I am urging everyone to give Jobim a try. Whether you are a music lover, want to expand your culture, or simply wish to spend an afternoon adrift with the deepest parts of your soul, just listen.



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Antonio Carlos Jobim sits at home, looking at one of his favorite books and ponders the eternal question: Where, oh, where are you Waldo?

Antonio Carlos Jobim was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 1927. As the founder of the Bosa Nova movement, he became world famous when he gave his composition "Chega de Saudad (No More Blues)" to the phenomenal Joao Gilberto to sing. The composition soon reached the ears of America through renditions by jazz greats Dizzie Gillispie, Charlie Byrd, and Stan Getz. By the end of the 1960s, Jobim was an internationally acclaimed composer instead of a musician. Although he was talented in both aspects, it is as a composer that Jobim moved the world. Jobim's influence on music increased with a myriad of moving and catchy songs, such as "The Girl From Ipanema", "Corcovado (Quiet Nights of Quiet Stars)", "O Grande Amor", "Desafinado", and the list goes on.

The album I recommend is "Getz Plays Jobim: The Girl From Ipanema", which features all of the songs listed above. Stan Getz, one of the most well-known tenor saxophone players in musical history, spawns this recreation of Jobim's songs. The Danish sax player brings together a stirring team of various musicians who present you with the unofficial 'best of Jobim'.

To try and describe this album would be impossible. Each song is filled with an exotic feeling of bitter love. Each song brings about stillness. The beat of a drum, the note of a piano, the strum of a guitar, the shake of a maraca- each song is like the moment a cloud cools the hot sand and air as you walk. Loud, soft, romantic, swing so cool and sway so gently, open your soul to the miraculous world of Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Last Weekend at the Movies

Weekend Gross/**Total Gross**

1. *Dicke Roberts: Former Child Star*
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2. *Jeepers Creepers 2*
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3. *Pirates of the Carribean*
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4. *Freaky Friday*
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5. *S.W.A.T.*
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6. *The Order*
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8. *Freddy vs. Jason*
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9. *Uptown Girls*
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$33,584,221
10. *American Wedding*
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Features

Emerson Gallery exhibit features one hundred years of photography

by Sarah M. Gould '05
FEATURES EDITOR

In the wake of several successful exhibitions, Hamilton College's Emerson Gallery unveiled its newest show entitled, "Hamilton Collects Photography - The First One Hundred Years." The show contains more than 130 photographs, all of which come from the private collections of Hamilton alumni, parents, and friends of the College.

The exhibit comes after a wildly successful (and critically acclaimed) premier foray into the private art collections of Hamilton graduates. Last year's show, "Hamilton Collects American Art" marked the beginning of what will be a series of shows in the Emerson Gallery highlighting these collections.

The concept of showcasing the art collections of alumni came about in 1998 when a Committee on Visual Arts from Hamilton visited Princeton University's art museum. The committee expressed a great deal of enthusiasm and interest in an alumni art show being shown at the University's museum and later committed to the task of developing a Hamilton alumni show. The research that came out of the next three years produced surprising results. "There were more Hamilton collectors with such a wide variety of art than we had ever imagined," said the Gallery's Acting Director, David Nathans. As a result of such a high yielding of art, "by 2001, we realized we probably had a series of exhibitions, not just one," Nathans said.

After the success of the "American Art" show, Professor of Fine Art at Haverford College William Williams '73, a photographer, collector and donor, Professor of Art William Salzillo, and avid collector James Garfinkle immediately went to work tri-curating the show together. It was Salzillo who ultimately made the decision to set 1950 as the cut-off date for the photography due to the enormous number of photos.

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Edward Steichen *Flatiron Building, Evening.* Collection of Karen A. and Kevin W. Kennedy.

In its current state, the show is a pictorial history of the life of photography. The earliest pieces are daguerreotypes dating back to the 1840s, just a few years after the advent of photography. The show places Hamilton and some of its faculty on the forefront of photographic history: Charles Avery, a Professor of Chemistry at Hamilton in the 1840s, experimented with the earliest kinds of photography in his classes and a portrait of him sits at the entrance to the first part of the show. "It's clear that Hamilton was on the cutting edge of photography," Nathans remarked.

Whether or not Hamilton was on cutting edge then, it is clear that the current show contains photos from some of the most respected artists of the century preceding 1950. The show is a who's who of nineteenth and twentieth century photographers with everyone from Alfred Steiglitz and Edward Steichen to Man Ray and Weegee. Depression-era photographers Dorothea Lange and Walker Evans are represented as are Steichen's now-legendary portraits of celebrities.

One of the pioneers of the medium, Eadweard Muybridge, is featured in the show. His experiments with photography as a means of expressing movement and action broke new ground when he exhibited them a century ago. Two of the most famous photographers of the western United States - William Jackson and Carleton Watkins - are also given space in the show.

While the exhibit has a wide breadth of photos that are unique in one way or another, there are also several iconic images hanging on the walls. Edward Steichen's *Flatiron Building, Evening* is visible from the front entrance of the Gallery. Alfred Steiglitz's famed shots of Yosemite Valley are prominently displayed. The gathering of many of the most recognizable names in photography elevates the show to a higher level, rivaling the notoriety of the "American Art" exhibit last year.

After the photography exhibit closes on November 23, preparations will be made for the next show. "Each one of these exhibitions leads to more discoveries," Nathans said in reference to the Gallery's newest venture - an exhibit highlighting the year of 1968. The exhibit will be put on in conjunction with Professor Frank Sciacca's Sophomore Seminar class which explores the social and political events of the tumultuous year 1968. The aim of the show is to mimic the interdisciplinary nature of the course. David Nathans explained that the show will place "High" art next to "Low" art, Andy Warhol mixed with lava lamps, both icons of the period. "It's not a traditional art show. It's more like the kind of show you would see in a living history museum," Nathans said.

Looking farther down the road, the Emerson Gallery has plans to exhibit a small show entitled "Images of War." The show is being developed by Katie Poulin '03 and Professor Deborah Pokinski.

"Hamilton Collects Photography - The First One Hundred Years" is only the second in a series of shows that highlight the extensive art collections of Hamilton alumni and friends. The show will close on November 23. (315) 859-4396

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Carleton Watkins
Cape Horn, Columbia River, Oregon
Collection of William E. Williams

HAVOC already making a difference

by Abigail Miller '07
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

If you have been anywhere near Martin's Way in the past week, you have probably seen numerous "Make A Difference Day" messages chalked enthusiastically across the brick. HAVOC - Hamilton's Community Service Organization - sponsored the event, which led over 200 Hamilton students to forego sleeping in and dedicate their first official Saturday to reaching out to the community. The volunteers assembled in the Events Barn for an informal breakfast and then departed in small groups for one of the 16 sites open for service that day.

"We had an overwhelming response from students here on the Hill," said Haley Reimbold, student leader of HAVOC. "We had originally anticipated having about 100 participants...but on [Saturday] morning, about 200 students packed into the Events Barn for our kick-off session." In fact, there was such a huge turnout that there was a shortage of bagged lunches.

I must add here that I personally had a great time helping out on Make A Difference Day. I went to a house for children with cerebral palsy with my Adirondack Adventure group. Although we did not work directly with the children, we worked for them by painting the building in which they live. Roller in hand, I coated railings, hair, and jeans with black paint and loved every second of it. And apparently other volunteers enjoyed themselves, too, as a fair amount indicated their willingness to continue with community service by signing up to participate in weekly and monthly projects.

HAVOC, though, is more than just Make A Difference Day. If you went to the HAVOC fair recently, you may have signed up for one of many different service groups aimed at making a difference all year round. If you were not fortunate enough to make it to the fair, you may be wondering: what's in store for the coming year?

Well, HAVOC is working to form a network with other volunteer programs, namely with colleges and universities that also participate in service projects in the Utica area, like Colgate University and Utica College. HAVOC feels that the community can be better served by larger groups of people, so it is working with Communities that Care, Judy Owens-Manley and the Levitt Center, and Colgate University to find space in Utica where they can have a base from which to operate.

HAVOC is also looking to begin a volunteer-run summer program at Hamilton that would last for 1-2 weeks. This program would bring economically disadvantaged youth from Utica to Hamilton and would be staffed entirely by Hamilton students. More immediately, HAVOC has reserved tickets for Bill Cosby and is arranging transportation for 40 people who are assisted by local non-profits in Utica to come see him speak.

"This year, we hope to broaden the focus of community service to encompass an awareness of systematic oppression. We want our volunteers to see how they are helping to empower people and we would like them to realize that we have a lot of power as Hamilton College students," Reimbold explains.

Hear that? We have a lot of power as Hamilton College students. Interested in using your power? Well, you're in luck. There will be an informational HAVOC meeting in the Annex on Tuesday, September 16 to

HCEMS battle rising number of emergencies

by Elizabeth Scagnelli '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

The Hamilton College Emergency Medical Service (HCEMS) is the main provider of emergency health care for Hamilton students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The EMT staff is made up of twenty-one student volunteers who patrol the campus in shifts, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Many students choose to serve the community in this way despite the fact that being an EMT is a huge commitment and responsibility.

EMT officer Liz Ransom, '04, says, "It's funny because now I have no idea why I decided I wanted to be an EMT — but I love it. I knew I wanted to go into medicine and I thought being an EMT would be a good hands-on approach. It turns out I love the rush and thrill of emergency medicine and it's what I hope to study in the future."

The EMTs are very important assets to the campus. Diann Lynch, a Health Center nurse and coordinator of the HCEMS program, comments, "They're there to provide some very basic medical care — they really provide an invaluable service to the community. If we didn't have them it would be a great loss to the campus."

Last year, the EMTs were involved in 168 medical emergencies, and in the school year of 2001 to 2002, they were involved in 181 emergencies. If the HCEMS had not been present, it is possible that those individuals who were assisted may have seriously deteriorated in physical condition. Of these situations, most involved orthopedic injuries and lacerations. However, approximately twenty-four to twenty-six percent of the emergencies on campus in the last two years have involved alcohol.

Mass alcohol-consumption is an all too present reality at Hamilton. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been racked up in alcohol-related property damages, loud parties have disturbed many weekends, and many of the emergencies that EMTs respond to are alcohol-related. Last year, 40 of the 168 medical emergencies on campus involved alcohol. Of these 40 situations, 16 involved acute alcohol intoxication. Individuals with acute alcohol intoxication are unconscious or nearly so and are taken to a hospital by ambulance. Seven of the 40 alcohol-related emergencies involved vomiting, one was for a hangover, and one was for the inhalation of "bad" marijuana. Also, 14 students sustained alcohol-related injuries last year. The year of 2001-2002 tells a similar story of alcohol consumption and related injuries — of the 181 medical emergencies that year, 47 involved alcohol, and 14 of the 47 were for acute alcohol intoxication.

Can we expect the same trends to continue for the current school year? It's hard to tell. In the year of 2001-2002, there were 5 alcohol-related injuries by September 9, and last year there were 4 by September 8. This year, the EMS has had to respond to 16 emergencies so far, and 3 have been alcohol-related, with one of these involving acute alcohol intoxication. This statistics seem to indicate that students may be consuming slightly less alcohol each year, or at least drinking more responsibly. However, what about the unreported alcohol-induced vomiting, blackouts, and injuries? It is difficult to detect a trend when so few of the alcohol-involved incidents remain undocumented.

Diann Lynch says, "I don't know [if students are drinking more or less]. What I do think has happened over the past 4 to 5 years is that the general campus community is more willing to call the EMTs. Maybe prior to that they thought they would get in trouble. I'm sure [that] there are a lot of people that nobody calls the EMTs for. [But] the campus is much more educated about alcohol."

Wayne Gentile, Campus Safety's evening supervisor, says, "There's a lot of drinking on campus, [and] too much alcohol. It's a huge liability for the college, but the students don't realize that. It's unbelievable the amount of people you see walking around campus with open containers, [either] underage [or] over-age. There's too much focus on drinking as being fun."

It's difficult to say what changes on campus can help solve Hamilton's alcohol problem. Campus Safety is currently working on finding a solution while the Health Center is trying to educate students about the effects of alcohol. The Campus Activities Board and other student organizations offer many substance-free entertainment options throughout the year, from Latin Night to Feb Fest.

However, self-education about alcohol is one of the best ways to increase awareness about it. So exactly how do you know if you're drinking too much? If you experience these signs as a result of your alcohol intake, you probably have unhealthy drinking habits:

* Frequent vomiting after drinking.
* Memory loss during or after drinking.
* Loss of consciousness while drinking.
* Drinking is causing problems with friends, family, or a partner.
* You spend a lot of money on alcohol.
* You have to drink more and more to get the same effect.
* You've experienced withdrawal (i.e., felt sick when you weren't drinking but felt better once you had a drink).
* You've injured yourself as a result of drinking (from Dr. Jason Kilmer's pamphlet "Drinking: What's Normal, What's Not).

One thing is certain. The HCEMS and Campus Safety are working to keep students safe and healthy while they're on campus and have tried to make them aware of the effects of alcohol. Now it's up to the individual student to decide whether he or she wants to drink responsibly.

HAVOC

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provide an orientation to volunteers while letting them meet everyone in their service groups. In addition, there will also be large-scale monthly projects throughout the year such as Hunger and Homelessness Week, Relay for Life, and the Giving Tree.

So, Hamilton, instead of sitting around and staring at a wall, get up off your butt and wreak some HAVOC.

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This Week In Hamilton History

37 Years Ago
September 17, 1976

Rabinowitzes Held Hostage in Uganda

"The woman got on the microphone and said that the plane was under their control, that they were the Che Guevara Bigade, that the name of the plane was Haifa, and now you know the name of the game. That put the fear of God in us," Nancy Rabinowitz recounted.

Nancy and Peter had just ended a vacation in Greece, where they'd been "doing the great classical tour,". Shortly after the takeoff from Athens four people armed with pistols and hand grenades hijacked the plane. They were two Palestinians and two Germans.

The hijackers demanded the release of 53 Palestinian "freedom fighters" held captive in Israel.

Along with 256 other passengers, the Rabinowitzes were kept in a 60 x 60 foot room with two bathrooms and mattresses in Entebbe, Uganda. They were fed rice and bananas and constantly reminded that "if everything didn't work out we'd be dead".

On Thursday, four days after capture, Peter and Nancy Rabinowtiz was set free along with other non-Israeli passengers when Israel surreptitiously agreed to negotiate with the terrorists.

19 Years Ago
September 14, 1984

Spectator scores high in Columbia competition

The Spectator has earned a second place rating in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's annual competition, compiling 821 out of a possible 1000 quality points.

The Spectator was judged on the basis of five criteria - Content/Coverage, Writing/Editing, Design/Display and Creativity. The Arts section earned the most points, a 343 out of a possible 425, proving to be The Spectator's "strongest section, by far,"

The Columbia Scholastic Press assigned perfect scores in the general design and front-page design subcategories, noting that pages are "clean and orderly" and "some very good planning."

College is Fattening!

If you're beginning your first year at college, arm yourself for a four-year battle of the bulge. A Study of Penn State students by nutritionist Jean Harvey reveal that men gain an average of 9.1 pounds during their first year of college and women gain 9 pounds. Sophomores gain 7.3 pounds while juniors put on 7.8 pounds and seniors 6.5 pounds.

Many students blame the fattening dorm food, but Jean Harvey says the study exonerates it. "Residence on or off campus wasn't a factor in the weight change."

Emotional and physical factors such as living away from home were assumed to play a role in the weight gain.

11 Years Ago
September 18, 1992

New Alcohol Policy Faces First Big Test

Hamiton's new alcohol policy, which imposes tougher restrictions on campus drinking, has created unprecedented attention to alcohol issues.

Already this semester three students have been hospitalized for alcohol overdose. Assistant Dean of Students Nancy Thompsonsaid that this is not necessarily the result of the new policy, since similar incidents occur each fall.

The changes were moticated by a need to "make the residence halls a safer place to live which is more conducive to studying" and to eliminate situations in which there is a "small group of people [who are drinking] tyrannizing a building." Nancy Thompson also states that "We may be attracting students who are interested in drinking, which means we may not be attracting students who are interested in more academic pursuits."

Many students have complained that, by prohibiting parties with alcohol from the residence halls, the administration is limiting the social options and pushing off campus drinking which encourages drinking and driving.

Field Hockey Wins

Continentals win in thrilling double overtime contest

by Paul Kibbe '05
Sports writer

The Hamilton College Field Hockey team started the season off right on Wednesday night with a thrilling double overtime 2-1 win against nearby foe, Utica College. The Continentals got the game winner off the stick of senior captain, Erin Turcott '04 who scored the goal on a penalty stroke. The nail in the coffin for Utica came with 4 minutes and 32 seconds remaining in the second overtime. The game was full of excitement from the opening period until the second overtime with many people on the Continentals making big contributions to ensure the victory.

"It was a great way to start the season off, the game was intense form beginning to end and there were a lot of outstanding performances by everyone, especially in goal," Defender JoJo McCann '05 said.

Both of Hamilton's goals came from penalty strokes, by way of Katherine Stinchfield '07 who scored with fifteen minutes remaining in the first period. The goal was big because it allowed the Continentals to tie the score before the half and gain momentum going into the second period. Both teams had chances in the second period and first overtime but the goaltenders were too strong and neither team wanted to give in.

Utica had many opportunities to win, out shooting the Continentals 32-15 in the game. The reason that Utica did not take the game was because of the brilliant play by Meghan Blair '06, who turned away everything she saw after Utica's only score in the first period.

This outstanding defense allowed the Continentals to put the pressure on Utica in the second OT, which eventually led to the game winning score by Turcott. Blair finished the game with 20 saves. Her seven saves in the two overtimes turned out to be more saves than Jenny Lounsbury from Utica had to make in the entire game, turning away five of the seven shots on goal. Turcott's goal was obviously the highlight of the game not only because it sealed the victory for Hamilton but also because it is not easy to score on a penalty stroke.

"It was very impressive that we scored both our goals off of strokes," said McCann. Turcott had missed a penalty stroke earlier in the second overtime but when faced with the challenge twice she was successful the second time around.

The Hamilton team finished last season with four wins, playing in a tough UCAA conference. With a big win in their first game, the Continentals could be winning a lot more than four games this season possibly ending up in the playoff race.

The team travels to SUNY Oswego to play its next game on September 17. The Continentals have a very good chance to put another notch in the win column on Wednesday against an Oswego team that is 0-4 through their first four games of the 2003 season.

Men's and women's crew preview

The following information was compiled by Jim Taylor, sports information director. It is being used courtesy of hamilton.edu.

Women's crew has much to prove after a 2002-03 season in which many firsts were achieved. Luckily, just three members of that crew have graduated. The fall will be spent incorporating the eager novice class and freshmen recruits into the varsity ranks while working on technique and fitness. Many practices will be devoted to small boat training where it is easier to learn the nuances of the sport. The younger athletes will be expected to establish themselves in the fall as contributors for the spring.

Look for the program to really take off in the spring when junior athletes return from their semester abroad and inject experience into the young squad. With a mix of experience and up-and-comers, Hamilton College women's rowing will establish itself in the national rankings. Head coach Mike Gilbert is confident that this group of athletes can build upon past successes.

Big things are expected this season. The varsity boat comes off the best season in recent memory with a strong cap to its season at the New York State Championships. With six varsity rowers returning, Hamilton will have the experience and leadership necessary for a successful season. Healthy and always heated competitions drive this squad to make each other better. A successful novice eight will bring enthusiasm and competition to the program as its numbers are added to the fray.

As a result of the graduation of the two senior co-captains, the charge of leadership of the men's varsity eight has fallen upon the capable shoulders of Kevin Docyk '04. His task will be to solidify the bond between the returning varsity rowers and the first-year recruits and rowers from the freshmen squad. Look for Pete Coxeter '05, who holds Hamilton's 2,000-meter ergometer record, to have a big season. Coxeter was ranked 130th internationally at the 2003 Indoor Rowing Championships. Docyk, who holds the lightweight 2000-meter ergometer record, and Kosta Popovic '06, the 2003 Coaches Award recipient, should also have productive seasons.

Women's volleyball season preview

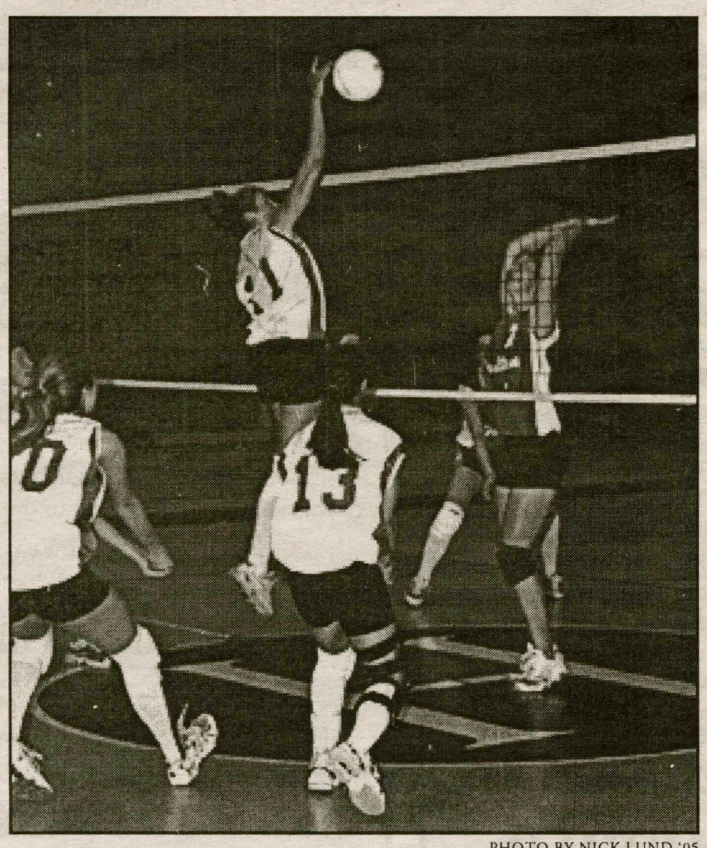
by Greg Leiman '07
Sports Writer

Readying themselves for another grueling season, the women's volleyball team is poised and eager to take on some of the toughest teams in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). Even in the wake of a lackluster 2002 season, Coach Susan Keller is optimistic about the Continentals' chances for success this year.

"I'm definitely confident that we'll have a winning season. We have so many experienced and wonderful leaders, not to mention some exceptional talent from our incoming freshmen," said Keller. One such freshman, Allie Mossoro '07, has even earned a starting position as outside hitter.

However, most of the team's strength will be derived from the more experienced returning players. Team captains Melissa Stoos '04 and Adrienne Isaac '04 comprise the backbone of the team. Stoos, the team's setter, averaged 8.78 assists last season and ranks seventh in the conference. Complementing Stoos' setting ability is returningm middle-blocker, Adrienne Isaac. Issac, described as a high-flying showcase hitter, capped last season with a respectable 207 kills.

While it is always fun to watch the girls in the front row pound away at the opposing team,



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Hamilton hopes to jump over the competition this fall.

the foundation of a good offense is built around passing. That's why the Continentals have Dee Martin in their back row.

"Every team needs a role player and Dee does an amazing job passing," said Coach Keller.

In addition to their raw talent, the Continentals are lucky to be under the direction of Coach Keller. Returning for her fifth year, Susan Keller led a successful volleyball program at the Mohawk Valley Community College before she came to coach here on the Hill. Her knowledge of the game has enabled the Continentals to run a variety of exciting offenses and lineups. The Continentals will use such offenses in the season's opening game against Utica College this Saturday at the Field House at 10 AM.

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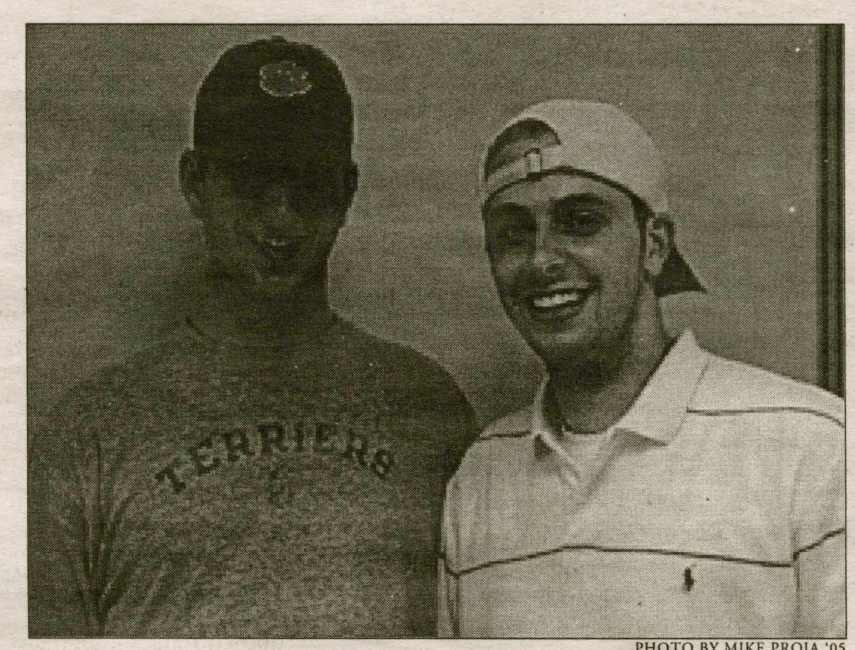
Athletes of the week: Galvin '05 and Allen '05

Kevin and John are off to a hot start at the beer-pong tables this year

by Andrew DeCastro '05
Sports Editor

This week's *Spectator Athletes of the week* are Kevin Galvin and John Allen. These two Psi U studs have been lighting up Beirut tables all over campus. The team has amassed 34 victories in the first two weeks of the semester.



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John(left) and Kevin continue to smile their way to victory.

Names:
Kevin Galvin. John Allen
Nicknames:
KG: Needle, Nitz
JA: Smiley, Miserable
Year:
KG: Junior
JA: Junior
Hometown:
KG: Westwood, MA
JA: Dedham, MA
Record:
34-1(GAME UNDER REVIEW)
Hobbies:
KG: Text-Messaging is kinda cool, I've gotten real into it lately.
JA: I like to throw darts every so often.

Superstitions while playing:
KG: I have a certain stance while playing. I set my feet, stick my bony butt out (for the ladies in the room), and release the ball.
JA: I touch the table twice with the ball before I shoot. And I'm always on the right, Galvin's always on the left.

Favorite Place to play:
KG: Tony's house, NO DOUBT.
JA: Gotta be the Tony's house with those ATX seniors, baby.
Any injuries:
KG: Well, none during the game, but Allen and I were on the table for four straight hours and I woke up the next morning and realized I broke my toe. Then my roommates told me I fell off the top bunk and hit the floor like a ton of bricks. Hey man, its for the love of the game. These things happen, but I am happy to report I didn't miss any games.
JA: Well, the only injury I had was to my heart, when my love didn't support me during our streak of wins. I love her so much, in fact I miss her right now as we're talking.

Marital Status:
KG: No comment, I am currently on an extended sabbatical.
JA: My heart belongs to one lovely sophomore. I call her Aphrodite, because she's my goddess of love.
Favorite ATX sister:
KG: .....
JA: Liz Sutherland, but I'm not allowed to talk to her anymore...
Idea of a perfect date:
KG: Hey man it's more important that you're on the date with the right person, everything after that will take care of itself. See ya
JA: I'm a little more romantic. I'd take her to a nice meal at the Olive Garden, where she'd fill up on salad and breadsticks. I'd order and entrée, but she wouldn't be allowed to. Then we'd go back to my place...
How many nights have you slept in your own room since being back to school?
KG: Every night, like it should be.
JA: Ah, well, only once. I love walking down to Bundy at night, this time of the year is so beautiful.

Who can drink more beers in one sitting?
KG: I can, no doubt. Al isn't allowed to drink past 11.
JA: Needle is blacked out after 5 beers, so it's definitely me.

Golf opens season with promising showing at Colgate's annual tournament; one of two D-III teams to show up

by Graham Stevens '04
Sports Writer

The Hamilton golf team kicked off the season with some solid shooting down the road at Colgate's Seven Oaks Golf Club.
The Colgate Tournament is a Division I event that hosts teams from up and down the east coast. There were only two Division III teams that dared to play this year, Hamilton and Rochester. Despite it being a tough course to open the season on, most of the Hamilton golfers played very well.

Hamilton rivals Skidmore, Williams, and St. Lawrence did not show up this year, likely because they feared that their national scoring average would be hurt due to the difficulty of the course. They wanted to protect their chances to reach Nationals by playing in easier tournaments. The Hamilton team discussed the possibility of skipping, but immediately dismissed it because they have no fear of tough courses. This attitude is indicative of this year's squad: our slow flows are remarkable.

The number one and two players, Brian Williams '04 and Tom Ferrero '04, are "no nonsense golfers." Brian had a bad weekend (for him), but still shot 75 and73 on a par 72 course. Tom also was not on top of his game, but still managed to fire a 74 and 76. This is a testament to the kind of golf these guys are going to play this year. They were both a little off their "A" game but still got the job done.

The freshmen phenoms, Chris Pike '07 and Blake McLennan '07, showed significant potential and added more skill to an already impressive roster of Hamilton golfers. Blake shot an opening round 75, and Chris had a second round of 79. Graham Stephens had the shanks but promises to return to form by next week with an improved and much anticipated game that some of his teammates have been waiting for since freshmen year. All in all, the team scored well, but was a little disappointed because they knew that they left strokes on the course. Brian might have left 5 or 6, and Graham might have left 30 or 40, but the best teams succeed even when they do not have their best game.

"All-in-all, we had a promising weekend," said Williams. "The freshmen played well, and we are encouraged. We just need to figure out our top five, and once we do that we should have a great year."

"I could have played better," added Williams, "but its still early and its going to take a full team effort to do well this year anyway. I would rather see us peak at then end of the season than at the beginning."

Luckily, the Hamilton squad is not just five players deep. There are plenty of talented golfers waiting to get a chance to play this year. Matt Gardner '06, Jon Stocker '04, Brendan Sullivan '07 are just a few of the guys that can go low on any given day. This is the trait of a good team, and proves that the Hamilton golf program is finally developing under the direction coach Al Highducheck, who is already proving he is the man for the job. He is a talented golfer and a serious coach that will probably see this team become one of the nation's best.

This golf team is one of the most skilled Hamilton has seen for some time, and everyone on the team is thirsty to advance to the National tournament in Southern California.

As a team member by the name of Shuffles put it "Think about it, if we play well in the bobby brutal conditions here, we can enjoy the broads and sun in Cali! Good talk! See ya out there!"

With an opening tournament score of 614 on the most difficult course the Conts will play all year, Hamilton golf will make headlines, and as always, will be an exciting team to follow.

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Men's soccer impressive in opening victory

by Will Hoffman '07
Sports Writer

The men's soccer team stepped up to its first challenges of the year this past week, recording a 2-1 victory in a scrimmage against Herkimer College on Sept. 3rd, then a 6-0 win over SUNY IT in the season opener on Wednesday. Despite losing ten seniors, including six starters from last year's squad that went 10-4-1, Hamilton's soccer team proved that this year's team should also be a contender.

In the scrimmage against Herkimer, freshman forward Ian Hildebrand scored the first goal of the game, causing Hamilton to go into into halftime with a 1-0 lead. Herkimer tied the game 10 minutes into the second half, but it was a finish with fifteen minutes left by sophomore midfielder Nikle Guzijan that proved to be the difference.

The offense was even more potent in Wednesday's game against SUNY IT. Bob Barrowman '07 put Hamilton up 1-0, 37 minutes into the game on an assist from forward Dimitry Maurice '04. With the Continentals clinging to a 1-0 lead at halftime, the game looked like it was going to be close. But Hamilton stormed out of the gate in the second half, tallying its second goal only 31 seconds after the break. This goal started a run of five goals in only 26 minutes, as Hamilton turned an evenly matched game into a blowout. Greg Rogan '07 scored the last two goals for Hamilton, and Maurice Barrowman '05, Zach Kelly '07, and Cy Philbrick '05 each had a goal in the second half. Matt Clausen '06 led the Continentals with two assists, and Dave Alchus '04, Pat Suarez '07, and Second Team All-UCAA selection Mike Galante '04 each were credited with an assist. Goalies Greg Zalaski '04 and Anthony Tripicchio '06 combined for the shutout, making two and three saves respectively.

PHOTO BY KIM WALKER '07

Hamilton works on conditioning before its season opener.

"I'm very excited about the way we played. We played like we were in midseason form," said head coach Perry Nizzi.

"As much as we lost in talent, we have a great team back and a lot of freshman who can help us as well."

With the loss of ten seniors, the team will now have to look toward the returning players to step up and take over as leaders.

"Losing ten of the best seniors a coach could ever want is not easy," says coach Nizzi. "Replacing the leadership and dedication they had will be hard."

Despite losing leading goal scorer and NCAA Division III All-Northeast Region selection Schuyler Gellatly, Nizzi is confident that the offense will thrive under the leadership of returning senior forwards Wesley Sherman and Dimitry Maurice. Maurice didn't start any games last year but played in all fifteen, and is the leading returning scorer with five goals and two assists; Sherman contributed three goals and three assists last season.

"Wes and Dimitry are both explosive players," says Nizzi.

"They were a big reason why Gellatly scored so much because they (the opposition) couldn't key in on any one player."

One question that still remains is who will take over as sweeper as the cornerstone of the defensive unit. Nizzi is looking at marking back Andrew Vermilyea '04 and Jacob Shapiro as possible replacements, but he hasn't made a decision yet since Shapiro is coming back from an injury that kept him out of the scrimmage.

One position that didn't undergo any change from last year is that of goalkeeper. Nizzi said he is "very comfortable" with his goalkeeping duo and is happy to have "two great leaders (Zalaski and Tripicchio) in the goal."

A midfield that goes 7-8 players deep will solidify an already strong unit.

"Our midfield and offense are our strength until the defense comes into their own," said Nizzi. Although it is too early to know exactly what to expect from a team that has a mix of veteran players and young talent, Coach Nizzi has made his goals clear: "Get back to the conference final four, and then take it from there."

The Continentals' next game is Tuesday, Sept. 16, where they will play host to Nazareth. The game is at 4 p.m. on Love Field.

Expectations are high for men's football

by Andrew DeCastro '05
Sports Editor

Last year, after Hamilton's 0-8 season, head coach Peter Alavanos knew that changes needed to be made in order for the football program to start winning games. So coach Alvanos and the rest of the football staff went to West Virginia for four days over the summer.

"That four days was the best thing that happened to the coaching staff. We came closer together and realized that changes in our offensive and defensive schemes would produce different results."

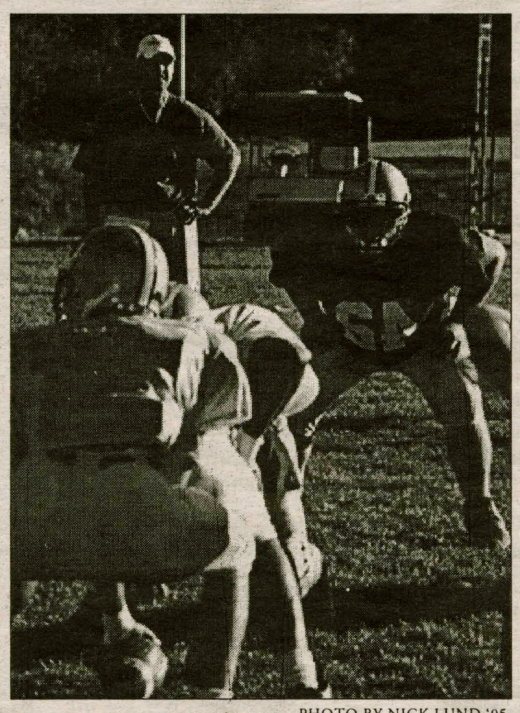
Coach Alvanos challenged the coaching staff over the summer, proclaiming that he would push every individual more than a year ago. So Coach A, with the rest of the staff, came to Hamilton in August with a new mentality, a new energy.

"Our kids need to feed of the coaching staff. If we're upbeat and energetic, then that's how our practicing will be. That's how I want them to be, because that's a step to become a successful team."

After the four days in West Virginia, the coaching staff formulated a new, fast paced offense that ran out of the shotgun. Because opposing defenses stacked 7 or even 8 men in the box, the new shotgun offense will spread the defense. Look for Hamilton to throw the ball more this year, trying to provide a balanced offense to keep opposing defenses on their toes. To make things even more confusing for the defense, Hamilton will be using a no huddle offense.

"Teams we play against will be preparing from last years tapes. Now they're going to have to prepare much differently at kick-off. We're hopefully gonna tire their defensive by not allowing them to make substitutions," added Coach Alvanos.

Since day one of preseason, Hamilton's practices have been fast paced and organized. The intensity from each person on the field, coach or player, is up from a year ago. A couple of days ago, Hamilton ran 85 plays at practice, something, Coach Alvanos admitted, has never happened during his time at Hamilton.



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Hamilton plans to spread defemses by using a shotgun offensive formation.

Hamilton's defensive unit will be anchored by captains Sam Bowlby '04 and Chris Smith '05. The Continentals D was solid a year ago, and look for even more improvement on the defensive side of the ball with Michael Murphy '05 being back in the lineup and Jeremy Kozak 'being healthy again.

"We're really excited this year. Everyone worked very hard in the summer," said Bowlby.

"We all realize that we can win some games this year. And our expectations are much higher. Our hard work in the summer and continued hard work ethic in the preseason will pay off."

"Every kid on this team wants it. You can see it in their eyes, and by the way they practice," added Murphy.

On the offensive side of the ball, Hamilton will look to Brandon Holtslag '06 to step it up from a year ago. James Trummer '06 will get a majority of the carries, and Sam Peskin '06 can have a big year. Special teams phenom Rob Kuchar '05 will get the nod at fullback.

"This new offense if gonna throw teams offguard. We're working real hard and each player is going to contribute this year," said Kuchar emphatically.

Captain Carlos Mercedes '04 will anchor the offensive line.

This year's freshman class is the biggest at Hamilton in the past few years. Look for many freshmen to make an impact on both sides of the ball.

"We have more numbers this year than any year I've been here. They new faces will be a vital part of the makeup of the team. Some will start, and I know that all of them can contribute to our program," said Alvanos.

This week Hamilton travels to Amherst to play the Lord Jeffs in a scrimmage. Coach Alvanos main concern this weekend is that all his players stay healthy for the season opener against Tufts. But the Continentals will hope to execute their new offense effectively. This weekend will give Hamilton a chance to get the rust off before the season opener. Execution and consistency are the two main ingredients for success this weekend.

Coach Alvanos added, "If we compete 100 percent on every play, on *every play*, if everyone does their job, their assignment, let the chips fall where they may, because I know we'll be successful."